

SUBCOMMITTEE: SUBCOMMITTEE #3

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 428  
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 on \_\_\_\_\_)  
 5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Marshall)

6 A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-870 of the Code of Virginia, relating to minimum speed limits on  
 7 certain highways.

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That § 46.2-870 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 46.2-870. Maximum speed limits generally; certain minimum speed limits.**

11 Except as otherwise provided in this article, the maximum speed limit shall be 55 miles per hour  
 12 on interstate highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways, nonlimited access  
 13 highways having four or more lanes, and all ~~state~~ primary highways. On interstate highways or other  
 14 limited access highways with divided roadways with a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour or  
 15 higher, the minimum speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour, and no person shall drive a vehicle below  
 16 such minimum speed limit except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law. Nothing  
 17 herein shall be construed to interfere with the authority of the Commissioner of Highways or local  
 18 authorities established pursuant to § 46.2-877.

19 The maximum speed limit on all other highways shall be 55 miles per hour if the vehicle is a  
 20 passenger motor vehicle, bus, pickup or panel truck, or a motorcycle, but 45 miles per hour on such  
 21 highways if the vehicle is a truck, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property,  
 22 or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer.

23 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the maximum speed limit shall be 70  
 24 miles per hour where indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected subsequent to a traffic engineering study  
 25 and analysis of available and appropriate accident and law-enforcement data, on: (i) interstate highways,  
 26 (ii) multilane, divided, limited access highways, and (iii) high-occupancy vehicle lanes if such lanes are

**27** physically separated from regular travel lanes. The maximum speed limit shall be 60 miles per hour where  
**28** indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected subsequent to a traffic engineering study and analysis of  
**29** available and appropriate accident and law-enforcement data, on U.S. Route 23, U.S. Route 29, U.S. Route  
**30** 58, U.S. Alternate Route 58, U.S. Route 360, U.S. Route 460, and on U.S. Route 17 between the Town of  
**31** Port Royal and Saluda where they are nonlimited access, multilane, divided highways.

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