

HOUSE BILL 1700
By Hagood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(h)

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, it is unlawful for any truck with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of over thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds to travel in excess of the posted speed limit on an interstate, controlled access, state highway or county highway. A violation of this section shall be punishable as follows:

(A) If traveling in excess of the posted speed limit but less than ten (10) miles per hour (m.p.h.) above the posted speed limit, a Class C misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200);

(B) If traveling in excess of ten (10) m.p.h. but less than twenty (20) m.p.h. above the posted speed limit, a Class B misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(C) If traveling in excess of twenty (20) m.p.h. above the posted speed limit, a Class A misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1000).

Nothing contained in this section shall preclude a prosecution under any other offense.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, "truck" means any vehicle, or combination of vehicles, with a GVWR of over thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.