

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 1147
SENATE BILL 362

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE
2 HIGHWAYS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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6 **Section 1.** G.S. 20-141 is hereby amended by:

7 (1) Adding thereto a new subsection to be designated Subsection (b1) and to read as
8 follows:

9 "(b1) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, and except while towing another
10 vehicle, and except when an advisory safe speed sign indicates a slower speed, it shall be
11 unlawful to operate a passenger vehicle or pick-up truck, rated for a capacity of not more than
12 three-fourths (3/4) ton, upon the interstate and primary highway system at less than the
13 following speeds:

14 (1) Forty (40) miles per hour in a fifty-five (55) mile-per-hour zone; and

15 (2) Forty-five (45) miles per hour in a sixty (60) mile-per-hour zone.

16 It shall be a specific duty of the State Highway Patrol and such Patrol is hereby directed to
17 enforce the minimum speeds established hereby, when appropriate signs are posted indicating
18 the minimum speed, provided that this mandate shall not be construed to divest other local,
19 authorized law enforcement officers of authority to enforce the minimum speeds established
20 hereby.", and

21 (2) Striking out Subsection (h2) thereof.

22 **Sec. 1-A.** In all civil actions, violations of this Act relating to minimum speeds shall
23 not constitute negligence per se.

24 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

25 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

26 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 22nd day of June,
27 1961.