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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill allows issuance of citations for failure to wear a seat belt in instances where the violator was not stopped for some other offense. It also requires all persons riding in a passenger vehicle or commercial vehicle to wear seat belts (present law requires use only in the front seat for adults).

The bill also reduces from 18 to 15 the minimum age at which all passengers in a vehicle driven by a person with a provisional driver's license or a learner's permit must wear a seat belt.

The bill increases the fine for seat belt violations from \$25 to \$50.

### Section

**1** **Seat belt use law.** Repeals the prohibition against issuance of a citation for failure to wear a seat belt unless the issuing officer stopped the vehicle for some other violation. Repeals the exemption from the seat belt use requirement for adult (12 years or older) passengers in the back seat of passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles.

Increases the fine for failure to wear a seat belt from \$25 to \$50.

**2** **Learner's permits.** Reduces from 18 to 15 the minimum age at which any person riding in a vehicle driven by a person with a learner's permit must wear a seat belt. Increases the fine from \$25 to \$50. Repeals the prohibition against issuance of a citation for this violation unless the issuing officer stopped the vehicle for some other violation.

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- 3**      **Provisional licenses.** Reduces from 18 to 15 the minimum age at which any person riding in a vehicle driven by a person with a provisional driver's license must wear a seat belt. Increases the fine from \$25 to \$50. Repeals the prohibition against issuance of a citation for this violation unless the issuing officer stopped the vehicle for some other violation.