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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1**      **Repealer.** Current law does not allow evidence in a suit for personal injury or property damage resulting from use or operation of a motor vehicle of (1) use or failure to use a seat belt or child restraint system, or (2) installation or failure to install seatbelts or a child restraint system, except in an action for damages involving a defectively designed, manufactured, installed or operating seat belt or child restraint system.  
  
The bill repeals this statute, eliminating restrictions on seat belt evidence.
- 2**      **Effective date; application.** Immediate. Applies to actions pending on or started on or after the effective date.