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Overview

This bill allows issuance of citations for failure to wear a seat belt when the violator was not stopped for another 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).

Section

- 1** **Seat belt use law.** Repeals the prohibition on 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.
- 2** **Learner's permits.** Makes conforming changes in the section governing learner's permits by eliminating the special seat belt rules that apply under present law to vehicles operated by individuals with learner's permits. The general rules requiring all occupants to wear seat belts under section 0 would apply.
- 3** **Provisional licenses.** Makes conforming changes in the section governing provisional licenses by eliminating the special seat belt rules that apply under present law to vehicles operated by individuals with these licenses. The general rules requiring all occupants to wear seat belts under section 0 would apply.