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## Bill Summary

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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).

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

#### 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.** 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. Repeals the prohibition against issuance of a citation for this violation unless the issuing officer stopped the vehicle for some other violation.
- 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.