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This bill eliminates the “seat belt gag rule” (section 169.685, subd. 4). Currently, the gag rule prohibits introduction of evidence regarding the use of or failure to use a seat belt in any civil action for damages arising from a motor vehicle accident. The rule does not apply in an action that alleges a defectively designed, manufactured, installed, or operated seat belt or child passenger restraint system. This bill would allow a party to submit evidence regarding the use of a seat belt in a civil action, subject to standard evidentiary rules.