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HOUSE BILL 672

Short Title: Rear Occupant Seat Belt Use/Enforcement. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Faircloth.

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Referred to: Judiciary II, if favorable, Finance

April 11, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW REQUIRING SEAT BELT USE
BY REAR SEAT OCCUPANTS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-135.2A reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-135.2A. Seat belt use mandatory.

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~~(d1) Failure of a rear seat occupant of a vehicle to wear a seat belt shall not be justification for the stop of a vehicle.~~

(e) Any driver or front seat passenger who fails to wear a seat belt as required by this section shall have committed an infraction and shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$25.50) plus the following court costs: the General Court of Justice fee provided for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(4), the telephone facilities fee provided for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(2a), and the law enforcement training and certification fee provided for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(3b). Any rear seat occupant of a vehicle who fails to wear a seat belt as required by this section shall have committed an infraction and shall pay a penalty of ~~ten~~ twenty dollars ~~(\$10.00)~~ (\$20.00) and no court costs. Court costs assessed under this section are for the support of the General Court of Justice and shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. Conviction of an infraction under this section has no other consequence.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

