

February 10, 1999

H 57. MOTOR VEHICLES OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS (=S 65). TO ENHANCE MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINT SAFETY. Extends GS 20-135.2A(a) to require all rear seat occupants 16 or older to fasten their safety belt. Establishes a \$25.00 penalty for failure to do so. Rewrites GS 20-137.1(a) to provide that drivers must ensure that persons younger than 16 are secured by an appropriate passenger restraint system. Children under five and weighing less than 60 pounds must be secured by a child restraint system that meets federal standards. Violations of these sections are moving violations under GS 20-16(c), but no court costs or insurance points are assessed. Effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Alexander and Clary (Primary Sponsors).

Ref. to Rules

GS 20

March 22, 1999

H 57. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS. Intro. 2/10/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes act's effective date from July 1, 1999, to Oct. 1, 1999. Deletes provision that would have allowed driver's license points to be assessed for violation of GS 20-135.2B (prohibiting transporting children under 12 years of age in vehicle's open bed or open cargo area). Rewrites amendment of GS 20-137.1(a) to provide that in vehicles equipped with active passenger-side front air bags, children must be properly secured in rear seat unless child restraint is designed for use with air bags or child is in properly fitted shoulder and seat belt: (1) child less than five years old and less than 40 pounds must be properly secured in child passenger restraint system; and (2) child five years of age or older, or child weighing 40 or more pounds, must be properly secured in child passenger restraint system or seat belt.

April 5, 1999

H 57. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS. Intro. 2/9/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only.

April 8, 1999

H 57. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS. Intro. 2/10/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes amendments to GS Ch. 20 that assess driver license points for violations of seat belt and child restraint laws.