

February 10, 1999

**S 65. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS (=H 57).** *TO ENHANCE MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINT SAFETY.* Identical to H 57, introduced 2/10/99.

**Intro. by Purcell, Gulley, and Allran.**

Ref. to Health Care

GS 20

March 31, 1999

**S 65. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS.** Intro. 2/10/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides that a passenger less than 16 years of age must be secured in either a child passenger restraint system or a seat belt which meets federal standards applicable at the time of its manufacture. In vehicles equipped with active passenger-side front air bags, children must be secured in a rear seat unless the child restraint system is designed for use with air bags or the child is in a properly-fitted shoulder and seat belt. A child five years of age or older, or weighing 40 or more pounds, must be properly secured in a child passenger restraint system or seat belt. Only a child passenger restraint system may be used for children less than five years of age or less than 40 pounds in weight. Changes effective date from July 1, 1999, to Oct. 1, 1999.

April 20, 1999

**S 65. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS.** Intro. 2/9/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Provides that maximum \$25 penalty for violating child restraint law applies even when more than one child less than 16 years of age was not properly secured.

May 18, 1999

**S 65. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS.** Intro. 2/9/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes amendment to GS 20-135.2A(a) requiring rear seat occupants between ages of 5 and 16 to wear seat belt. Amends GS 20-137.1(a) to provide that in vehicles equipped with active passenger-side front air bags, children shall be properly secured in a rear seat unless the child restraint system is designed for use with air bags or the child is in a properly fitted shoulder and seat belt, as follows: (1) a child less than five years of age shall be properly secured in a child passenger restraint system; (2) a child less than five years of age who is too large to fit properly in a child restraint system shall be properly secured by a seat belt. Effective October 1, 1999, except GS 20-137.1(a) does not apply to persons who reach the age of four before October 1, 1999.

June 1, 1999

**S 65. MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT RESTRAINTS.** Intro. 2/10/99. House amendments make the following changes to 4th edition. Adds limitation on requirements for child passenger restraint system and rear seat location to children under 40 pounds in weight and under age five (was, under age five). States that conviction of infractions for failure to wear restraint have no consequence other than payment of a penalty.