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HOUSE BILL DRH40337-ML-158 (03/22)

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

Sponsors: Representative Faircloth.

Referred to:

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

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "§ 20-135.2A. Seat belt use mandatory.

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

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

20 ...."

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

