

HB 1216 -- Mitigation of Damages for Failure to Wear Safety Belts

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This bill requires that in cases where a plaintiff's failure to wear a safety belt contributed to the plaintiff's claimed injuries, the amount of the plaintiff's recovery of injuries may be reduced by an amount not to exceed 50% of the damages awarded after any reductions for comparative negligence. Currently, the reduction is 1% of the damages awarded after any reductions for comparative negligence.