

HB 249 -- Failure to Wear Safety Belts

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Currently, failure to wear a safety belt can be admitted as evidence to mitigate damages if the evidence supports the fact that the plaintiff who failed to wear the belt contributed to his or her injuries and the amount of his or her recovery can be reduced by up to 1% of the awarded damages. This bill increases the reduction in the amount of the awarded damages to up to 50%.