

HB 1877 -- Safety Belts

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Currently, the driver and each front-seat passenger of cars and trucks with a licensed gross weight under 12,000 pounds must wear a safety belt. Exemptions are allowed for United States Postal Service employees while performing their duties, persons operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities, and persons with a medical reason. This bill requires all drivers and passengers in all cars and trucks to wear a safety belt except those already exempt. A person with a medical reason must possess documentation from a physician. If there are more persons than safety belts in a vehicle, the passengers who are unable to wear a safety belt must sit on the seats behind the front seat unless the vehicle only has a front-seated area.

The bill also removes the provision that prohibits a person from being stopped, inspected, or detained solely for not wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt.