



HOUSE BILL 672: Rear Occupant Seat Belt Use/Enforcement.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary II. If favorable, re-refer to Finance	Date:	April 25, 2017
Introduced by:	Rep. Faircloth	Prepared by:	Howard Marsilio
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 672 would increase the fine for a seat belt violation by a rear seat occupant, and would remove the prohibition on stopping a vehicle based on a violation of the rear occupant seat belt requirement.

The Proposed Committee Substitute would further increase the fine for a violation from \$10 to \$25.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-135.2A requires all occupants to wear a seat belt when the vehicle is moving forward on a street or highway. The penalty for a violation by front seat occupants and rear seat occupants are different.

A violation of this section by a rear occupant is an infraction, and a ten-dollar (\$10.00) fine, and no court costs or other consequence.

Subdivision (d1) of this Section prohibits a rear occupant seat belt violation as being used as a justification for a vehicle stop.

BILL ANALYSIS:

This bill would:

- Repeal subdivision (d1), which would remove the prohibition of using a rear occupant seat belt violation as justification for a vehicle stop.
- Increase the fine for a rear occupant seat belt violation from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective on December 1, 2017 and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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