

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 34*
Committee Substitute Favorable 2/10/94

Short Title: Seat Belt Enforced as Other Laws.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW EVIDENCE OF A LACK OF SEAT BELT USE TO BE
2 ADMITTED IN A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH A
3 JUSTIFICATION FOR THE STOP OF A VEHICLE, THE SAME AS IN ALL
4 OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE LAW VIOLATIONS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 20-135.2A(d) reads as rewritten:

8 "(d) Evidence of failure to wear a seat belt shall not be admissible in any criminal
9 or civil trial, action, or proceeding except in an action based on a violation of this
10 ~~section~~ section or as justification for the stop of a vehicle or detention of a vehicle
11 operator and passengers."

12 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to any offenses
13 occurring on or after the date of ratification.