

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-289  
HOUSE BILL 1330**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT A  
BACKSEAT PASSENGER WEAR A SEAT BELT WHILE BEING  
TRANSPORTED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-135.2A(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A driver or occupant of a noncommercial motor vehicle with a medical or physical condition that prevents appropriate restraint by a safety belt or with a professionally certified mental phobia against the wearing of vehicle ~~restraints;restraints.~~
- (2) A motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service while performing duties as a rural letter carrier and a motor vehicle operated by a newspaper delivery person while actually engaged in delivery of newspapers along the person's specified ~~route;route.~~
- (3) A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the vehicle or delivering property from the vehicle if the speed of the vehicle between stops does not exceed 20 miles per ~~hour;hour.~~
- (4) Any vehicle registered and licensed as a property-carrying vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-88, while being used for agricultural purposes in intrastate ~~commeree;commerce.~~
- (5) A motor vehicle not required to be equipped with seat safety belts under federal ~~law;or law.~~
- (6) Any occupant of a motor home, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d2, other than the driver and front seat passengers.
- (7) Any occupant, while in the custody of a law enforcement officer, being transported in the backseat of a law enforcement vehicle."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2007.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 2:31 p.m. this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007