

By the Committee on Transportation and Representatives
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Safety Belt Law;
3 amending s. 316.614, F.S.; providing that it is
4 unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in this
5 state unless each passenger of the vehicle
6 under the age of 16 is restrained by a safety
7 belt or child restraint device; providing an
8 exception to safety belt use; eliminating a
9 provision which requires enforcement of the act
10 only as a secondary action; providing an
11 effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (8) of section 316.614,
16 Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended, and paragraph
17 (c) is added to subsection (6) of said section, to read:

18 316.614 Safety belt usage.--

19 (4) It is unlawful for any person:

20 (a) To operate a motor vehicle in this state unless
21 each ~~front seat~~ passenger of the vehicle under the age of 16
22 years is restrained by a safety belt or by a child restraint
23 device pursuant to s. 316.613, if applicable; or

24 (b) To operate a motor vehicle in this state unless
25 the person is restrained by a safety belt.

26 (6)

27 (c) An employee of a solid waste or recyclable
28 collection service is not required to be restrained by a
29 safety belt while in the course of employment collecting solid
30 waste or recyclables on designated routes.

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1 (8) Any person who violates the provisions of this
2 section commits a nonmoving violation, punishable as provided
3 in chapter 318. ~~However, enforcement of this section by state~~
4 ~~or local law enforcement agencies must be accomplished only as~~
5 ~~a secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been~~
6 ~~detained for a suspected violation of another section of this~~
7 ~~chapter, chapter 320, or chapter 322.~~

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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