

By Senator Grant

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Florida Safety Belt Law;  
amending s. 316.614, F.S.; providing  
restrictions on authority to search a motor  
vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a  
passenger based on a safety belt violation;  
deleting a provision that requires enforcement  
of the act only as a secondary action;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 316.614, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

316.614 Safety belt usage.--

(8) Any person who violates the provisions of this  
section commits a nonmoving violation, punishable as provided  
in chapter 318. A law enforcement officer may not search or  
inspect a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a  
passenger solely because of a violation of this section.

~~However, except for violations of s. 316.613, enforcement of  
this section by state or local law enforcement agencies must  
be accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a  
motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of  
another section of this chapter, chapter 320, or chapter 322.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that a law enforcement officer may not search or  
inspect a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a  
passenger solely because of a violation of the safety  
belt law.