A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Florida Safety Belt Law; 3 amending s. 316.614, F.S.; providing that the number of passengers of a motor vehicle 4 required to wear a safety belt shall not exceed the number of safety belts which were installed in the motor vehicle by the manufacturer; revising the Florida Safety Belt Law to eliminate the requirement that the law be enforced as a secondary action when a driver of 10 a motor vehicle has been detained for another 11 violation; providing restrictions on authority 12 13 to search based on a safety belt violation; providing an effective date. 14

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) and subsection (8) of section 316.614, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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316.614 Safety belt usage.--

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The number of front seat passengers of a motor (b) vehicle pickup truck required to wear a safety belt pursuant to this section shall not exceed the number of safety belts which were installed in the motor vehicle front seat of such pickup truck by the manufacturer.

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(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. 

## HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises the provisions of the Florida Safety Belt Law to provide that the number of passengers of a motor vehicle required to wear a safety belt shall not exceed the number of safety belts which were installed in the motor vehicle by the manufacturer and to remove the requirement that the law be enforced as a secondary action when the driver of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of chapter 316, 320, or 322, F.S. Provides restrictions on the authority to search based upon a safety belt violation. upon a safety belt violation.