

By the Committee on Transportation and Senator Carlton

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Safety Belt Law,
3 creating the "Dori Slosberg Act of 2001";
4 amending s. 316.614, F.S.; revising provisions
5 relating to safety belt usage; prohibiting
6 searches of vehicles or occupants because of a
7 safety belt violation; providing an effective
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. Short title.--This act may be cited as the
13 "Dori Slosberg Act of 2001."

14 Section 2. Subsections (4) and (8) of section 316.614,
15 Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsection (9) is
16 redesignated as subsection (10), and a new subsection (9) is
17 added to that 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 passenger and the operator of the vehicle under the age
22 of 18 years is restrained by a safety belt or by a child
23 restraint 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 (8) Any person who violates the provisions of this
27 section commits a nonmoving violation, punishable as provided
28 in chapter 318. However, except for violations of s. 316.613
29 and paragraph (4)(a), enforcement of this section by state or
30 local law enforcement agencies must be accomplished only as a
31 secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been

1 detained for a suspected violation of another section of this
2 chapter, chapter 320, or chapter 322.

3 (9) A law enforcement officer may not search a motor
4 vehicle or its occupants because of a violation of this
5 section.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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8 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
10 SB 1288

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11 The CS deletes provisions in the bill which would have made
12 enforcement of safety belt requirements a primary offense for
13 all ages, and provides for the primary enforcement of safety
14 belt requirements for operators and passengers less than 18
15 years of age.

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