

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0301

Seat belts-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Iekel, Berger, Cohee, Hinckley, Landon, Osborn and Watt and Senator(s) Peck

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; removing the restriction  
2 on stopping motor vehicles solely for safety belt  
3 violations; increasing penalties for failure to use safety  
4 belts; repealing a provision prohibiting the admissibility  
5 in civil actions of the failure to use a safety belt and  
6 providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1402(e) is amended to read:

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12 **31-5-1402. Safety belts required to be used;**  
13 **exceptions; reduction in fine.**

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15 (e) All citations for violations of the motor vehicle  
16 laws of this state and for violations of traffic ordinances

1 or traffic regulations of a local authority shall contain a  
2 notation by the issuing officer indicating whether the  
3 driver and passengers complied with this section.  
4 Compliance with this section shall entitle a licensee to a  
5 ten dollar (\$10.00) reduction in the fine otherwise imposed  
6 by any court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense.  
7 The driver who violates this section may be issued a  
8 citation and may be subject to a fine of not more than  
9 ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00). Any  
10 passenger who violates this section may be issued a  
11 citation and may be subject to a fine of not more than ~~ten~~  
12 ~~dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

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14 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-5-1402(d) and (f) is repealed.

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16 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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