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SENATE BILL 18-053

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CITATION OF DRIVERS FOR THE FAILURE OF ONE OR
102 MORE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS TO WEAR A SAFETY BELT.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires every driver of and every front-seat passenger in a motor vehicle equipped with a safety belt system to wear a fastened safety belt while the motor vehicle is being operated. The bill extends this requirement to every passenger in a motor vehicle.

Current law provides that a law enforcement officer may not cite a driver of a motor vehicle for a failure to wear a safety belt unless the

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driver was stopped for a different alleged traffic violation. The bill repeals this limitation, allowing a law enforcement officer to stop and cite a driver solely for a failure to wear a safety belt.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-237, **amend** (2);
3 and **repeal** (5) as follows:

4 **42-4-237. Safety belt systems - mandatory use - exemptions -**
5 **penalty.** (2) Unless exempted pursuant to subsection (3) of this section,
6 every driver of and every ~~front seat~~ passenger in a motor vehicle and
7 every driver of and every passenger in an autocyple equipped with a
8 safety belt system shall wear a fastened safety belt while the motor
9 vehicle OR AUTOCYCLE is being operated on a street or highway in this
10 state.

11 ~~(5) No driver in a motor vehicle shall be cited for a violation of~~
12 ~~subsection (2) of this section unless such driver was stopped by a law~~
13 ~~enforcement officer for an alleged violation of articles 1 to 4 of this title~~
14 ~~other than a violation of this section.~~

15 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.