

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1582

Short Title: Seat Belt Use Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Transportation.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEAT BELT USE LAW TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL
MOTOR CARRIER LAWS TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY
FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20135.2A(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A driver or occupant of a noncommercial motor vehicle with a medical or physical condition that prevents appropriate restraint by a safety belt or with a professionally certified mental phobia against the wearing of vehicle restraints;
- (2) A motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service while performing duties as a rural letter carrier and a motor vehicle operated by a newspaper delivery person while actually engaged in delivery of newspapers along the person's specified route;
- (3) A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the vehicle or delivering property from the vehicle if the speed of the vehicle between stops does not exceed 20 miles per hour;
- (4) Any vehicle registered and licensed as a property-carrying vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-88, while being used for agricultural ~~or commercial purposes;~~ purposes in intrastate commerce; or
- (5) A motor vehicle not required to be equipped with seat safety belts under federal law."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.