

SENATE FILE NO. SF0064

Safety belt violations-2.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott, Hastert, Hunnicutt and
Jennings and Representative(s) Bonner,
Davison, Hales, Harvey and Landon

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; prohibiting evidentiary
2 admissibility and limiting liability related to use of seat
3 belts on school buses; increasing the fine for failure to
4 use safety belts when required; increasing the reduction in
5 fines for other offenses when safety belts are in use at
6 the time of the other offenses; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-131 by creating a new subsection
12 (c) and 31-5-1402(e) are amended to read:

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14 **21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle**
15 **operation; liability limited.**

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1 (c) Evidence of a person's failure to wear a lap or
2 seat belt on a school bus if required under state or
3 federal law or the failure of a school bus operator to
4 require a passenger to wear a lap or seat belt as required
5 under W.S. 31-5-1402(a), shall not be admissible in any
6 civil action. Evidence of a passenger's failure to wear a
7 lap or seat belt on a school bus if required under state or
8 federal law, or the failure of a school bus operator to
9 require a passenger to wear a lap or seat belt as required
10 under W.S. 31-5-1402(a), shall not be admissible for the
11 purposes of W.S. 31-5-1402(a).

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

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16 (e) All citations for violations of the motor vehicle
17 laws of this state and for violations of traffic ordinances
18 or traffic regulations of a local authority shall contain a
19 notation by the issuing officer indicating whether the
20 driver and passengers complied with this section.
21 Compliance with this section shall entitle a licensee to a
22 ~~ten dollar (\$10.00)~~ twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) reduction
23 in the fine otherwise imposed by any court having
24 jurisdiction over the alleged offense. The driver who

1 violates this section may be issued a citation and may be
2 subject to a fine of not more than ~~twenty-five dollars~~
3 ~~(\$25.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Any passenger who
4 violates this section may be issued a citation and may be
5 subject to a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00).

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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