



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE
RELATING TO A PARTY'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE'S
SEATBELT LAW IN CIVIL ACTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 901 of the general statutes be amended to provide that
2 in a civil action evidence of noncompliance with the statutory
3 requirements relating to the wearing of seatbelts shall not be
4 admissible in regard to an issue of liability, but such evidence may be
5 admissible in mitigation of damages, provided the party introducing
6 such evidence has pleaded noncompliance with the statutory
7 requirements as an affirmative defense.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow evidence relating to a party's failure to comply with the state's seatbelt law to be introduced into evidence for purposes of mitigating damages in a civil action provided the party introducing such evidence has pleaded such noncompliance as an affirmative defense.