

1 HB87
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3 By Representative Morrow
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under current law, it is a primary offense
9 for front seat passengers in a moving vehicle to
10 fail to wear a safety belt.

11 This bill would only allow citations for
12 safety belt violations if the person is stopped for
13 a separate violation of the law and is issued a
14 ticket for the separate violation.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to safety belt citations; to add Section
21 32-5B-6.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that a
22 citation for failure to wear a seat belt while a motor vehicle
23 is in motion may be issued only if the person is stopped for a
24 separate violation of the law and issued a ticket for the
25 separate violation.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 32-5B-6.1 is added to the Code of
2 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

3 §32-5B-6.1.

4 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
5 contrary, only a warning citation may be issued for a
6 violation of this chapter unless a person is stopped by a law
7 enforcement officer for a separate violation of law and is
8 issued a citation or warrant for arrest for the separate
9 violation of law in which case a citation or warrant for
10 arrest may be issued.

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.