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3 By Senator Burkette
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a front seat occupant of
9 a passenger car is required to have a safety belt
10 properly fastened about his or her body at all
11 times when the vehicle is in motion.

12 This bill would require all occupants of a
13 passenger car to have a safety belt properly
14 fastened at all times when the vehicle is in
15 motion.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to motor vehicles; to create the Roderick
22 Scott Safety Belt Use Act of 2019; and to require all
23 occupants of a passenger car to have a safety belt properly
24 fastened when the vehicle is in motion, with exceptions.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Sections 32-5B-1 and 32-5B-4, Code of
27 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

1 "§32-5B-1.

2 "This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
3 ~~"Alabama Safety Belt Use Act of 1991."~~ Roderick Scott Safety
4 Belt Use Act of 2019.

5 "§32-5B-4.

6 "(a) Each ~~front seat~~ occupant of a passenger car
7 manufactured with safety belts in compliance with Federal
8 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208 shall have a safety belt
9 properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the
10 vehicle is in motion.

11 "(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
12 apply to:

13 "(1) A child passenger under the purview of Section
14 32-5-222, who is required to use a child passenger restraint
15 system or a seat belt pursuant to Section 32-5-222.

16 "(2) An occupant of a passenger car who possesses a
17 written statement from a licensed physician that he or she is
18 unable for medical reasons to wear a safety belt.

19 "(3) A rural letter carrier of the United States
20 Postal Service while performing his or her duties as a rural
21 letter carrier.

22 "(4) A driver or passenger delivering newspapers or
23 mail from house to house.

24 "(5) Passengers in a passenger car with model year
25 prior to 1965.

26 "(6) Passengers in motor vehicles which normally
27 operate in reverse."

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