

**SENATE BILL No. 183**

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-10

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to safety belts; amending  
2 K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 8-2503 and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 8-2503 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 8-2503. (a) Except as provided in ~~K.S.A. 8-1344 and 8-1345,~~  
7 ~~and amendments thereto, and in subsection (b) or (c) subsection (b);~~

8 (1) Each occupant of a passenger car manufactured with safety belts  
9 in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 208, who is  
10 18 years of age or older, shall have a safety belt properly fastened about  
11 such person's body at all times when the passenger car is in motion; *and*

12 ~~(b)(2)~~ each occupant of a passenger car manufactured with safety  
13 belts in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 208,  
14 who is at least 14 years of age but less than 18 years of age, shall have a  
15 safety belt properly fastened about such person's body at all times when  
16 the passenger car is in motion.

17 ~~(c)~~(b) This section does not apply to:

18 (1) An occupant of a passenger car who possesses a written  
19 statement from a licensed physician that such person is unable for  
20 medical reasons to wear a safety belt system;

21 (2) carriers of United States mail while actually engaged in delivery  
22 and collection of mail along their specified routes;

23 (3) newspaper delivery persons while actually engaged in delivery  
24 of newspapers along their specified routes; or

25 ~~(4) an occupant of a passenger car required to be protected by a~~  
26 ~~safety restraining system under the child passenger safety act.~~

27 ~~(d)~~(c) The secretary of transportation shall initiate an educational  
28 program designed to encourage compliance with the safety belt usage  
29 provisions of this act.

30 ~~(e)~~(d) The secretary shall evaluate the effectiveness of this act and  
31 shall include a report of its findings in the annual evaluation report on its  
32 highway safety plan that it submits under 23 U.S.C. § 402.

33 ~~(f)~~(e) Law enforcement officers shall not stop drivers for violations  
34 of subsection (a)(1) by a back seat occupant in the absence of another  
35 violation of law. A citation for violation of subsection (a)(1) by a back  
36 seat occupant shall not be issued without citing the violation that initially

1 caused the officer to effect the enforcement stop.

2 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 8-2503 is hereby repealed.

3 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
4 publication in the statute book.

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