

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE DRH80272-MA-294 (3/28)**

Short Title: Exempt Law Enforcement from Back Seat Belts. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Spear and Folwell (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT A  
BACK SEAT PASSENGER WEAR A SEAT BELT WHILE BEING  
TRANSPORTED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-135.2A(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A driver or occupant of a noncommercial motor vehicle with a medical or physical condition that prevents appropriate restraint by a safety belt or with a professionally certified mental phobia against the wearing of vehicle ~~restraints;~~restraints.
- (2) A motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service while performing duties as a rural letter carrier and a motor vehicle operated by a newspaper delivery person while actually engaged in delivery of newspapers along the person's specified ~~route;~~route.
- (3) A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the vehicle or delivering property from the vehicle if the speed of the vehicle between stops does not exceed 20 miles per ~~hour;~~hour.
- (4) Any vehicle registered and licensed as a property-carrying vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-88, while being used for agricultural purposes in intrastate ~~commerce;~~commerce.
- (5) A motor vehicle not required to be equipped with seat safety belts under federal ~~law;~~or law.
- (6) Any occupant of a motor home, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d2, other than the driver and front seat passengers.

- 1           (7) Any occupant, while in the custody of law enforcement, being  
2           transported in the back seat of a law enforcement vehicle."  
3           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.