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HOUSE BILL 672
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/25/17

Short Title: Rear Occupant Seat Belt Use/Enforcement.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW REQUIRING SEAT BELT USE
3 BY REAR SEAT OCCUPANTS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-135.2A reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 20-135.2A. Seat belt use mandatory.**

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8 ~~(d1) Failure of a rear seat occupant of a vehicle to wear a seat belt shall not be~~
9 ~~justification for the stop of a vehicle.~~

10 (e) Any driver or front seat passenger who fails to wear a seat belt as required by this
11 section shall have committed an infraction and shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars and
12 fifty cents (\$25.50) plus the following court costs: the General Court of Justice fee provided
13 for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(4), the telephone facilities fee provided for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(2a), and
14 the law enforcement training and certification fee provided for in G.S. 7A-304(a)(3b). Any rear
15 seat occupant of a vehicle who fails to wear a seat belt as required by this section shall have
16 committed an infraction and shall pay a penalty of ~~ten twenty-five dollars (\$10.00) (\$25.00)~~
17 and no court costs. Court costs assessed under this section are for the support of the General
18 Court of Justice and shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. Conviction of an infraction under
19 this section has no other consequence.

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21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to
22 offenses committed on or after that date.

