

Senate Bill 157

By: Senators Weber of the 40th, Moody of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th, Adelman of the 42nd, Hill of the 32nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, so as to eliminate certain exceptions to the required
3 use of safety belts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the use of
7 safety belts in passenger vehicles, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in its
8 place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'passenger vehicle' means every motor vehicle,
10 including, but not limited to, pickup trucks, vans, or sport utility vehicles, designed to carry
11 ten passengers or ~~less~~ fewer and used for the transportation of persons. Such term shall not
12 include motorcycles, motor driven cycles, or vehicles equipped for and used primarily for
13 off-road use but shall not mean pickup trucks, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, or
14 ~~vehicles equipped for off-road use, provided that the term 'passenger vehicle' includes any~~
15 ~~sport utility vehicle and also includes pickup trucks for any occupant who is under 18 years~~
16 ~~of age."~~

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.