

Senate Bill 5

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Hill of the 4th, Harp of the 29th, Stoner of the 6th, 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 revising subsection (a) as follows:

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

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

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.