

House Bill 22

By: Representatives Oliver of the 83rd, Manning of the 32nd, Hugley of the 133rd, Stephens of the 164th, Abrams of the 84th, 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 require the use of safety belts in all
3 passenger vehicles, including pickup trucks; to require the use of safety belts by occupants
4 in the rear seats of a passenger vehicle; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the use of
8 safety belts in passenger vehicles, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

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

14 (b) Each occupant ~~of the front seat and rear seats~~ of a passenger vehicle shall, while such
15 passenger vehicle is being operated on a public road, street, or highway of this state, be
16 restrained by a seat safety belt approved under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.