

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

**AS PASSED SENATE**

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 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
4 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 subsection (a) 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, and sport utility vehicles, designed to  
11 carry ten passengers or ~~less~~ fewer and used for the transportation of persons; provided,  
12 however, that such term shall not include motorcycles; motor driven cycles; or off-road  
13 vehicles or pickup trucks being used by an owner, driver, or occupant 18 years of age or  
14 older in connection with agricultural pursuits that are usual and normal to the user's  
15 farming operation ~~but shall not mean pickup trucks, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, or~~  
16 ~~vehicles equipped for off-road use, provided that the term 'passenger vehicle' includes any~~  
17 ~~sport utility vehicle and also includes pickup trucks for any occupant who is under 18 years~~  
18 ~~of age."~~

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.