

House Bill 608

By: Representative Holmes of the 61<sup>st</sup>

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 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 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 striking subsection (a) and inserting in its  
9 place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

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

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.