

SB 13     INTRODUCED BY HALLIGAN  
MANDATORY USE OF FRONT SEATBELTS IN LIGHT VEHICLES

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1                    SENATE    BILL NO.    13  
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4    A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADOPTING MANDATORY USE  
5    OF FRONT SEATBELTS IN LIGHT VEHICLES; PROVIDING A PENALTY;  
6    AND AMENDING SECTION 61-9-422, MCA."

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8    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9        NEW SECTION. Section 1. Mandatory use of front  
10    seatbelts. No person may operate or be a passenger in the  
11    front seat of a light vehicle, as defined in 61-3-531,  
12    unless he is restrained by a seatbelt approved by the  
13    department under 61-9-410.

14       NEW SECTION. Section 2. Mandatory seatbelt penalty.  
15    Violation of [section 1] is punishable as follows:

- 16        (1) On initial violation, a citation must be issued.
- 17        (2) A subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of  
18    not less than \$10 or more than \$25.

19        Section 3. Section 61-9-422, MCA, is amended to read:

20        "61-9-422. Evidence admissible without presumption of  
21    negligence. Evidence of compliance or failure to comply with  
22    61-9-420 or [section 1] is admissible in any civil action  
23    for personal injury or property damage resulting from the  
24    use or operation of a motor vehicle, but failure to comply  
25    with 61-9-420 or [section 1] does not alone constitute

1    negligence."  
2        NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.  
3    Sections 1 and 2 are intended to be codified as an integral  
4    part of Title 61, chapter 9, part 4, and the provisions of  
5    Title 61, chapter 9, part 4, apply to sections 1 and 2.

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