

6 issued under section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred
7 sixty-seven (321.467)".

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CHAPTER 291

SAFETY BELTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES

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AN ACT relating to the equipment of motor vehicles with safety belts.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 "Every new or used car, pickup or school bus, 1966 model or newer,
4 sold, offered for sale, or subject to registration in Iowa except com-
5 mercial vehicles registered with the commerce commission, shall be
6 equipped with at least two (2) sets of safety belts or safety harnesses
7 installed for use in the front seat of such vehicle; however, when a
8 pickup or school bus has only an operator's seat, such vehicle need be
9 equipped with only one (1) safety belt or safety harness installed for
10 use by the operator thereof. The safety belts or safety harnesses re-
11 quired shall not be removed unless replaced with approved safety belts
12 or safety harnesses as long as the vehicle is subject to registration."

13 "All safety belts and safety harnesses installed for use in any motor
14 vehicle where such safety equipment is required shall be of a size to
15 accommodate an adult person and shall be designed and installed for
16 use in a manner to prevent or substantially reduce the movement of
17 the person using the safety equipment in the event of a collision or
18 accident."

19 "All safety belts and safety harnesses installed for use in any motor
20 vehicle as required under this Act shall be of any approved type and
21 shall be installed in a manner approved by the commissioner."

1 SEC. 2. The fact of use, or non-use, of seat belts by a person shall
2 not be admissible or material as evidence in civil actions brought for
3 damages.

1 SEC. 3. Failure to use seat belts installed in a motor vehicle shall
2 not be a crime or a public offense.

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