SB73
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By Senator Ross
RFD: Transportation and Energy
First Read: 07-FEB-17
A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 32-5B-4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further require each occupant of passenger cars manufactured with safety belts to have a safety belt fastened when the vehicle is in motion; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Roderic Deshaun Scott Seat Belt Safety Act.

Section 2. Section 32-5B-4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§32-5B-4.

"(a) Each front seat occupant of a passenger car manufactured with safety belts in compliance with Federal
Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208 shall have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in motion.

"(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to:

"(1) A child passenger under the purview of Section 32-5-222, who is required to use a child passenger restraint system or a seat belt pursuant to Section 32-5-222.

"(2) An occupant of a passenger car who possesses a written statement from a licensed physician that he or she is unable for medical reasons to wear a safety belt.

"(3) A rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service while performing his or her duties as a rural letter carrier.

"(4) A driver or passenger delivering newspapers or mail from house to house.

"(5) Passengers in a passenger car with model year prior to 1965.

"(6) Passengers in motor vehicles which normally operate in reverse.

"(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, an adult occupant of a passenger car who does not use a seat belt in compliance with this act shall be the proper person to be charged with this violation."

Section 3. Although this bill would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
requirements and application under Amendment 621, now
appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of
the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the
bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an
existing crime.

Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
first day of the third month following its passage and
approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.
Senate

Read for the first time and referred to the Senate committee on Transportation and Energy............. Q7-FEB-17

Read for the second time and placed on the calendar............................................. Q9-FEB-17

Read for the third time and passed as amended .... L4-FEB-17

Yeas 21
Nays 5

Patrick Harris
Secretary