

HB 443 -- Seat Belts

Sponsor: Roorda

This bill requires all drivers and passengers in cars or trucks to wear a seat belt. Exemptions are allowed for United States Postal Service employees while performing their duties, persons operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities, and persons having a medical reason with documentation from a physician. No person can be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance by any law enforcement officer employed by a law enforcement agency that has been found by the Attorney General to be noncompliant with the provisions regarding racial profiling.

Currently, each driver and front-seat passenger of passenger cars and trucks with a licensed gross weight under 12,000 pounds must wear a seat belt, and a person cannot be stopped solely for a seat belt violation.