

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 181****2019 Regular Session****Brass**

MTR VEHICLE/SEAT BELTS: Provides relative to safety belt use in certain vehicles

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes the set of Senate Floor Amendments that would have allowed consideration of the failure to wear a safety belt as evidence of comparative fault or to mitigate damages in an action to recover damages arising out of ownership, common maintenance or operation of a motor vehicle. Also deleted a provision that would have made the admissibility of such evidence up to the Court. The effect of the deletion of the set of Senate Floor Amendments is to return the bill to the engrossed posture it was in prior to introduction in the Senate.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires each driver of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pick-up truck, to have their safety belts properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion.

Proposed law increases the weight limit of the trucks from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds. Removes colloquial reference to a truck and expands the application of the law beyond solely pick-up trucks.

Present law restricts each driver of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pick-up truck, from transporting more persons than there are safety belts available in the vehicle.

Proposed law increases the weight limit of the trucks from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds. Removes colloquial reference to a truck and expands the application of the law beyond solely pick-up trucks.

Present law requires each occupant of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pick-up truck, to have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion.

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(Amends R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1), (3), and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseThe House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.