

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 9

BY SENATOR HEWITT

EVIDENCE. Provides relative to safety belts. (Item #40) (1/1/20)

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AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 32:295.1(E), relative to safety belts; to provide relative to the failure to wear safety belts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:295.1(E) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Margaret M. Corley.

DIGEST

SB 9 Original

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Present law prohibits consideration of the failure to wear a safety belt in violation of law as evidence of comparative negligence in any action to recover damages arising out of the ownership, common maintenance, or operation of a motor vehicle.

Present law prohibits admission of the failure to wear a safety belt in violation of law to mitigate damages.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective January 1, 2021.

(Repeals R.S. 32:295.1(E))