

SENATE BILL NO. 55

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1), relative to seatbelts; to provide for the proper way to wear a seatbelt; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§295.1. Safety belt use; tags indicating exemption

A.(1) Each driver of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less in this state shall have a safety belt properly fastened ~~about his or her body~~ **and worn across both the lap and shoulder as designed, and not placed behind the body or under the arm** at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to those cars, vans, sports utility vehicles, or pickups manufactured prior to January 1, 1981.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____