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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 291-11.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person[  
4 ~~(1) Shall~~] shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public  
5 highway unless the person is restrained by a seat belt  
6 assembly and all passengers in the front or back seat  
7 of the motor vehicle are restrained by a seat belt  
8 assembly [~~if between the ages of eight and fourteen,~~  
9 or are restrained pursuant to section 291-11.5 if  
10 under eight years of age[  
11 ~~(2) If fifteen years of age or more shall be a passenger  
12 in the front seat of a motor vehicle being operated  
13 upon any public highway unless such person is  
14 restrained by a seat belt assembly; and  
15 (3) If between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, shall be  
16 a passenger in the back seat of a motor vehicle being  
17 operated upon any public highway unless such person is  
18 restrained by a seat belt assembly].~~



1 As used in this section:

2 "Restrained" means that the seat belt assembly is worn as  
3 it was designed and intended to be worn.

4 "Seat belt assembly" means the seat belt assembly that is  
5 required to be in the motor vehicle under any federal motor  
6 vehicle safety standard issued pursuant to Public Law 89-563,  
7 the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as  
8 amended, unless original replacement seat belt assemblies are  
9 not readily available. If replacement assemblies are not  
10 readily available, seat belts of federally approved materials  
11 with similar protective characteristics may be used. Such  
12 replacement seat belt assemblies shall be permanently marked by  
13 the belt manufacturer indicating compliance with all applicable  
14 federal standards."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicles; Seat Belts; Passengers

**Description:**

Requires all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operated upon any public highway. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB4 HD1)

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