

## ACT 294

S.B. NO. 2311

A Bill for an Act Relating to Mandatory Use of Seatbelts.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 291-11.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person:

- (1) Shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public highway unless the person is restrained by a seat belt assembly and any passengers in the front or back seat of the motor vehicle are restrained by a seat belt assembly if between the ages of four and [fifteen] fourteen, or are restrained pursuant to section 291-11.5 if under the age of four;
- (2) If fifteen years of age or more shall be a passenger in the front seat of a motor vehicle being operated upon any public highway unless such person is restrained by a seat belt assembly[.]; and
- (3) If between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, shall be a passenger in the back seat of a motor vehicle being operated upon any public highway unless such person is restrained by a seat belt assembly.

As used in this section “seat belt assembly” means the seat belt assembly required to be in the motor vehicle under any federal motor vehicle safety standard issued pursuant to Public Law 89-563, the federal National Traffic and Motor

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Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as amended, unless original replacement seat belt assemblies are not readily available. If replacement assemblies are not readily available, seat belts of federally approved materials with similar protective characteristics may be used. Such replacement seat belt assemblies shall be permanently marked by the belt manufacturer indicating compliance with all applicable federal standards.”

2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

“(e) A person who fails to comply with the requirements of this section shall be subject to a fine of [~~\$20~~] \$45 for each violation.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 3, 2000.)