

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24375

The purpose of this legislation is to create a test safety restraint program for a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2016 and continuing through June 30, 2019. During the initial year, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, officers will warn, rather than issue a citation to an operator of a motor vehicle who is 17 years of age or younger or to an operator 18 years of age or older when only occupant(s) under the age of 18 years are not wearing a safety restraint.

A citation may be issued beginning July 1, 2017, to a vehicle operator under the age of 18 years who is not wearing a safety restraint and to the occupant(s) of a moving vehicle under the age of 18 years who are not wearing safety restraints. Additionally, beginning July 1, 2017 a citation may be issued to a driver of a vehicle who is 18 years of age or older when there are occupants in the vehicle 17 years of age or younger who are not wearing a safety restraint.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. It is likely this legislation would have a positive impact due to primary enforcement and \$45 citations in years two and three.

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