

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
EXTRA SESSION 1994

CHAPTER 5
HOUSE BILL 34

AN ACT TO ALLOW EVIDENCE OF A LACK OF SEAT BELT USE TO BE ADMITTED IN A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH A JUSTIFICATION FOR THE STOP OF A VEHICLE, THE SAME AS IN ALL OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE LAW VIOLATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-135.2A(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Evidence of failure to wear a seat belt shall not be admissible in any criminal or civil trial, action, or proceeding except in an action based on a violation of this ~~section~~ section or as justification for the stop of a vehicle or detention of a vehicle operator and passengers."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to any trial, action, or proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this act.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of March, 1994.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives