

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**HOUSE BILL 1330
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT A
BACKSEAT PASSENGER WEAR A SEAT BELT WHILE BEING
TRANSPORTED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-135.2A(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A driver or occupant of a noncommercial motor vehicle with a medical or physical condition that prevents appropriate restraint by a safety belt or with a professionally certified mental phobia against the wearing of vehicle ~~restraints; restraints.~~
- (2) A motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service while performing duties as a rural letter carrier and a motor vehicle operated by a newspaper delivery person while actually engaged in delivery of newspapers along the person's specified ~~route; route.~~
- (3) A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the vehicle or delivering property from the vehicle if the speed of the vehicle between stops does not exceed 20 miles per ~~hour; hour.~~
- (4) Any vehicle registered and licensed as a property-carrying vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-88, while being used for agricultural purposes in intrastate ~~commerce; commerce.~~
- (5) A motor vehicle not required to be equipped with seat safety belts under federal ~~law; or law.~~
- (6) Any occupant of a motor home, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d2, other than the driver and front seat passengers.
- (7) Any occupant, while in the custody of a law enforcement officer, being transported in the backseat of a law enforcement vehicle."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of
July, 2007.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2007