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Seat Belt Civil Action Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Calvin R. Musselman

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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This bill amends seat belt laws to allow the misuse of or failure to use a seat belt to be considered for contributory or comparative negligence in civil litigation.

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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- ▶ amends the Traffic Code to allow the misuse of or failure to use a seat belt to be considered as contributory or comparative negligence in civil litigation.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

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Other Special Clauses:

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None

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

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AMENDS:

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41-6a-1806, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

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Section 1. Section **41-6a-1806** is amended to read:

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41-6a-1806 . Compliance -- Civil litigation.

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The misuse or failure to use a child restraint device or misuse or failure to wear a safety belt:

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(1) ~~[does not]~~ may constitute contributory or comparative negligence on the part of a person seeking recovery for injuries; and

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(2) may ~~[not]~~ be introduced as evidence in any civil litigation on the issue of negligence, injuries, or the mitigation of damages.

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Section 2. Effective Date.

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This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.