

Seat Belt Civil Action Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

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.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- 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.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.