

1                                   **SAFETY BELT VIOLATIONS AMENDMENTS**

2   2018 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell**

5   Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9           This bill limits to a first violation the requirement of a court to waive a fine for certain  
10 safety belt violations.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This bill:

13           ▶ revises a provision related to a safety belt violation to require the court to waive a  
14 fine only for a first violation.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16           None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18           None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21           **41-6a-1805**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 406

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

24           Section 1. Section **41-6a-1805** is amended to read:

25           **41-6a-1805. Penalty for violation.**

26           (1) (a) A person who violates Section **41-6a-1803** is guilty of an infraction and shall be  
27 fined a maximum of \$45.

28           (b) Until July 1, 2018, a peace officer may not issue a citation to an individual for a

29 violation of Section 41-6a-1803 if the person has not previously been warned for a violation of  
30 Section 41-6a-1803 but shall issue the individual a warning informing the individual that  
31 operating or being a passenger in a vehicle without wearing a properly adjusted and fastened  
32 safety belt is prohibited.

33 (c) The court shall waive all of the fine for a first violation of Subsection  
34 41-6a-1803(1)(~~b~~)(a)(ii) if the person submits proof of acquisition, rental, or purchase of a  
35 child restraint device.

36 (2) Points for a motor vehicle reportable violation, as defined under Section 53-3-102,  
37 may not be assessed against a person for a violation of Section 41-6a-1803.