

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 875

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01/27/2023		Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to civil law; removing a prohibition on the admissibility of evidence

1.3 relating to the use of seat belts and child passenger restraint systems; repealing

1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.685, subdivision 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **REPEALER.**

1.7 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.685, subdivision 4, is repealed.

1.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to actions

1.9 pending on or commenced on or after that date.

169.685 SEAT BELT; PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN.

Subd. 4. **Admissibility into evidence.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), proof of the use or failure to use seat belts or a child passenger restraint system as described in subdivision 5, or proof of the installation or failure of installation of seat belts or a child passenger restraint system as described in subdivision 5 shall not be admissible in evidence in any litigation involving personal injuries or property damage resulting from the use or operation of any motor vehicle.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not affect the right of a person to bring an action for damages arising out of an incident that involves a defectively designed, manufactured, installed, or operating seat belt or child passenger restraint system. Paragraph (a) does not prohibit the introduction of evidence pertaining to the use of a seat belt or child passenger restraint system in an action described in this paragraph.