

SAFETY BELT VIOLATIONS AMENDMENTS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

41-6a-1805. Penalty for violation.

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

(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.