

# Senate Bill 367

Sponsored by Senator METSGER, Representative BROWN

## SUMMARY

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Requires drivers and passengers in privately owned commercial vehicles designed and used to transport 15 or fewer persons to use safety belts. Exempts vehicles from requirement of having child safety systems.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to use of safety belts; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.215.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 811.215 is amended to read:

5 811.215. ORS 811.210 does not apply to:

6 (1) Privately owned commercial vehicles, as defined in ORS 801.210. The exemption in this sub-  
7 section does not apply to **any of the following:**

8 (a) Vehicles commonly known as pickup trucks that have a combined weight of less than 8,000  
9 pounds. [*or to*]

10 (b) Motor carriers, as defined in ORS 825.005, when operating in interstate commerce.

11 (c) **Vehicles designed and used for the transportation of 15 or fewer persons, including**  
12 **the driver, except that vehicles described in this paragraph are not required to comply with**  
13 **child safety system requirements as described in ORS 811.210 (2)(a) and (b).**

14 (2) Any vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts or safety harnesses at the time the  
15 vehicle was manufactured, unless safety belts or safety harnesses have been installed in the vehicle.

16 (3) Any vehicle exempted by ORS 815.080 from requirements to be equipped upon sale with  
17 safety belts or safety harnesses.

18 (4) Any person for whom a certificate is issued by the Department of Transportation under ORS  
19 811.220.

20 (5) Any person who is a passenger in a vehicle if all seating positions in the vehicle are occu-  
21 pied by other persons.

22 (6) Any person who is being transported while in the custody of a police officer or any law  
23 enforcement agency.

24 (7) Any person who is delivering newspapers or mail in the regular course of work.

25 (8) Any person who is riding in an ambulance for the purpose of administering medical aid to  
26 another person in the ambulance, if being secured by a safety belt or safety harness would sub-  
27 stantially inhibit the administration of medical aid.

28 (9) Any person who is reading utility meters in the regular course of work.

29 (10) Any person who is employed to operate a vehicle owned by a mass transit district while the  
30 vehicle is being used for the transportation of passengers in the public transportation system of the  
31 district.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (11) Any person who is collecting solid waste or recyclable materials in the regular course of  
2 work.

3 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.215 by section 1 of this 2005 Act apply only to**  
4 **offenses of failure to use safety belts under ORS 811.210 that are committed on or after the**  
5 **effective date of this 2005 Act.**

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