

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSMEBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will enable law enforcement to stop drivers of motor vehicles if they or their passengers appear to not be wearing seat belts, and to charge those not wearing seat belts with a fine.

WHEREAS, The current seat belt law, NRS 484.641, allows for the driver of a vehicle to be cited only when stopped or arrested for another violation, sending a message to drivers that it is important to wear seat belts, but not important enough to be stopped for not wearing one; and

WHEREAS, A study conducted by the Office of Traffic Safety in 2007 reported seat belt use in Nevada at 92.2%; and

WHEREAS, In the same study, 48% of individuals killing in traffic accidents in Nevada were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, As of May 31, 2012, 30 states had primary seat belt enforcement laws and the trend toward primary seat belt enforcement continues in many secondary law states; and

WHEREAS, The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in 2004 concluded that 696 deaths per year could be prevented if secondary seat belt law states transitioned to primary seat belt enforcement; and

WHEREAS, After being stopped for the violation whoever is not wearing a seat belt will continue to be fined not more than twenty-five (25) dollars; and

WHEREAS, Classic vehicles would be excluded if the vehicle was made without seat belts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 3, 2014, that the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to enable law enforcement to stop drivers of motor vehicles if they or their passenger appear to not be wearing their seat belts as a primary violation.