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S.P. 25

In Senate, January 11, 2005

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Use of Seat Belts

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative SAMPSON of Auburn and

Senators: CLUKEY of Aroostook, DAMON of Hancock, DAVIS of Piscataquis, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, PINGREE of North Haven, RECTOR of Thomaston, RINES of Wiscasset.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1997, c.
450, §3 and affected by §5, is repealed.

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8 **SUMMARY**

10 Current law prohibits the enforcement of the seat belt law
12 unless the driver has been stopped for a violation of a law other
than failing to wear a seat belt.

14 This bill repeals that prohibition, allowing a police
officer to detain and cite a vehicle operator or passenger 18
years of age or older solely for failing to wear a seat belt.