

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, evidence of the use or non-use of a seat belt is prohibited in a civil trial. The jury is not allowed to know if a plaintiff was wearing his or her seat belt when a crash occurred.

As proposed, S.B. 664 repeals Section 545.413(g), of the Transportation Code, which currently prohibits the use or non-use of a safety belt from being admissible evidence in a civil trial.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 545.413(g) (Safety Belts; Offense), Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

Makes application of this Act prospective.