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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2286**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; repealing the seat belt use gag rule; repealing Minnesota

1.3 Statutes 2014, section 169.685, subdivision 4.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **REPEALER.**

1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.685, subdivision 4, is repealed.

169.685 SEAT BELT; PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN.

Subd. 4. **Admissibility into evidence.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), proof of the use or failure to use seat belts or a child passenger restraint system as described in subdivision 5, or proof of the installation or failure of installation of seat belts or a child passenger restraint system as described in subdivision 5 shall not be admissible in evidence in any litigation involving personal injuries or property damage resulting from the use or operation of any motor vehicle.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not affect the right of a person to bring an action for damages arising out of an incident that involves a defectively designed, manufactured, installed, or operating seat belt or child passenger restraint system. Paragraph (a) does not prohibit the introduction of evidence pertaining to the use of a seat belt or child passenger restraint system in an action described in this paragraph.