

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 253

5 By: Senator Wilkins  
6 By: Representative Bradford  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ALLOW A CHECK OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR SEAT  
11 BELT COMPLIANCE, BUT PROHIBITS POLICE FROM SEARCHING  
12 THE VEHICLE, DRIVER, OR PASSENGERS BEYOND THE SEAT  
13 BELT CHECK; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF VIOLATIONS OF THE  
14 SEAT BELT LAW TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A DRIVER LICENSE;  
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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18 TO ALLOW A SEAT BELT CHECK OF THE MOTOR  
19 VEHICLE, BUT PROHIBIT POLICE FROM SEARCHING  
20 THE VEHICLE OR PASSENGERS BEYOND THE SEAT  
21 BELT CHECK; PROHIBIT THE USE OF VIOLATIONS  
22 OF THE SEAT BELT LAW TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A  
23 DRIVER LICENSE.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-37-704 is amended to read as follows:

29 27-37-704. Inspection for compliance only.

30 ~~No motor vehicle, nor the operator of such vehicle, nor the passengers~~  
31 ~~of such vehicle shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine~~  
32 ~~compliance with this subchapter.~~

33 (a) A motor vehicle may be stopped and the driver and passengers  
34 inspected for compliance with this subchapter.

35 (b) However, a law enforcement officer shall not search or inspect a  
36 motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a passenger except for the check

1 of compliance with this subchapter.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-37-707 is amended to read as follows:  
4 27-37-707. Traffic violation report and driver license suspension.

5 (a) The Office of Driver Services of the Revenue Division of the  
6 Department of Finance and Administration shall not include in the traffic  
7 violation report of any person any conviction arising out of a violation of  
8 this subchapter.

9 (b) No violations under this subchapter shall be used or accumulated by  
10 the Office of Driver Services to suspend or revoke the driver license of any  
11 person as a habitual violator of traffic laws or in any other way under the  
12 administrative authority of the department to suspend or revoke licenses.

13 /s/ Wilkins

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