## Miss. Code Ann. § 63-2-1

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Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated Title 63. Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulations (Chs. 1-33) Chapter 2. Mandatory Use of Safety Seat Belts (§§ 63-2-1 -63-2-7)

- § 63-2-1. Requirement of use of safety seat belt system by operator and passengers in passenger motor vehicle; protection of children.
- (1) When a passenger motor vehicle is operated in forward motion on a public road, street or highway within this state, every operator and every passenger shall wear a properly fastened safety seat belt system, required to be installed in the vehicle when manufactured pursuant to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208.
- (2) "Passenger motor vehicle" for purposes of this chapter means a motor vehicle designed to carry fifteen (15) or fewer passengers, including the driver, but does not include motorcycles that are not autocycles as defined in Section 63-3-103, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles or trailers.
- (3) This section shall not apply to:
- (a) Vehicles which may be registered for "farm" use, including "implements of husbandry" as defined in Section 63-21-5(d), and "farm tractors" as defined in Section 63-3-105(a);
- **(b)** An operator or passenger possessing a written verification from a licensed physician that he is unable to wear a safety belt system for medical reasons;
- (c) A passenger car operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service or by a utility meter reader while on duty;

- (d) Buses; or
- **(e)** A child who is required to be protected by the use of a child passenger restraint device or system or a belt-positioning booster seat system under the provisions of Sections 63-7-301 through 63-7-311.

## History

Laws, 1990, ch. 436,  $\S$  1; Laws, 1998, ch. 501,  $\S$  1; Laws, 2008, ch. 520,  $\S$  2; Laws, 2015, ch. 406,  $\S$  6; Laws, 2017, ch. 403,  $\S$  1, eff from and after July 1, 2017.

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