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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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First Reading

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Committee of the Whole

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Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 1983)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1 *The Highway Traffic Act is amended by this Act.*
- 2 *Section 1 is amended by adding the following after clause (r.1):*
 - (r.2) "seatbelt" means a mechanical device installed in a vehicle that is designed to restrain a driver or passenger in his seat during an emergency.
- 3 *Section 8 is amended by adding the following after clause (g):*
 - (g.1) prescribing the design and installation of seatbelts;
 - (g.2) exempting the drivers of prescribed classes of vehicles that are used for construction or agricultural purposes or that have to make frequent stops, from the operation of section 124.1.
- 4 *The following is added after section 124:*
 - 124.1(1)** Subject to the regulations, a person who drives a vehicle on a highway without every person in the vehicle being properly secured by a seatbelt that is installed and designed as prescribed by the regulations, is guilty of an offence.
 - (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) a person who is driving a vehicle may disconnect or release his seatbelt at any time that he is driving his vehicle in reverse.
 - (3) A person over the age of 16 years who is a passenger in a vehicle that is being driven on a highway and is not properly secured by a seatbelt that is installed and designed as prescribed by the regulations, is guilty of an offence.
- 5 *This Act comes into force on January 1, 1984.*

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter H-7 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Adds a definition.

3 Regulations prescribing design and installation of seatbelts and exemptions.

4 Makes wearing a seatbelt obligatory.

5 Coming into force.