

SESSION OF 2005

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2109**

As Agreed to April 1, 2005

Brief *

HB 2109 would amend the Child Passenger Safety Act by defining a passenger car as a motor vehicle manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1968. The existing definition of a passenger car does not contain a reference to a manufacturing or assembly date.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to recede from the Senate amendments and make certain technical and clarifying amendments to the bill.

Background

Representative Bob Bethell testified in support of the original bill. He indicated that some vintage cars are not equipped with seat belts and that the bill would allow owners of these vehicles to operate them on the highways without fear of being cited. He also said that the installation of seat belts to some of these vehicles would be difficult and would reduce the vehicle's value. No other conferees presented testimony before the House Transportation Committee.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary amended the bill to include provisions of 2004 SB 329, which would have extended the seat belt law to children under 18 years old, to clarify the seat belt law would apply to vehicles manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1968, with seat belts and made other changes. The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the Safety Belt Use Act regarding drivers 18 and over.

The fiscal note prepared by the Director of the Budget indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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