



Alaska State Legislature

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 63

Short Title: USE SEAT BELT ROAD SIGNS

Summary:

- Allows the Alaska Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadway signs that encourage the use of safety belts.
- Stipulates placing the signs at the sites of traffic fatalities that could have been prevented if seat belts were in use.

Benefits:

- Encourages drivers and passengers to always use safety belts.
- Reminds drivers and passengers about the potential consequences of not wearing safety belts.
- Demonstrates the state is serious about safety belt use.

Background:

- Between 1997 and 2002 about 55% of all motor vehicle fatalities in Alaska could have been prevented if safety belts were used. The bill is named in memory of Nathan Kampen, a young Anchorage man who died in a traffic accident because he was not wearing a safety belt. The bill is one more positive step toward saving lives on Alaska's roadways.