

## Mandatory Seat Belts

Whereas, Present New Hampshire law only mandates the use of seat belts for children under 12; and

Whereas, The New Hampshire Medical Society's Scientific Affairs Committee conducted a Buckle-Up survey and found that many citizens in the State do not regularly wear their seat belts, 95% of those surveyed believe seat belts save lives and 67% support mandatory seat belt laws; and

Whereas, It has been shown that mandatory use laws or educational programs in isolation are insufficient to generate maximum utilization of safety belts; and

Whereas, National studies have indicated that mandatory seat belt laws increase the utilization of motor vehicle restraints and reduce the risk of injury and fatalities in the event of an accident; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the New Hampshire Medical Society support mandatory seat belt utilization laws for all ages and ongoing educational efforts to maintain public awareness in New Hampshire.

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