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**NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** (amended).
SB 152 (Rawson); 1987 Stat. Ch 480

Existing law requires front-seat occupants of passenger vehicles\(^1\) to wear safety belts.\(^2\) Chapter 480 specifies that both front-seat and rear-seat passengers must wear safety belts.\(^3\) Under existing law, a violation of the safety belt law is not a moving traffic violation and may not be considered as negligence in a civil suit.\(^4\) Chapter 480 further specifies that a violation of a safety belt regulation cannot be considered as misuse of a product or causation in any civil action.\(^5\)

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1. **NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** 1 (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 480, sec. 1, at ____) (types of passenger vehicles to which statute is applicable).

2. **NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** 1 (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 480, sec. 1, at ____) (passengers five years and older are required to wear safety belts). The Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety must exempt those types of motor vehicles or seating positions from the safety belt equipment requirement of **NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** 1 when compliance would be impractical. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 480, sec. 1, at ____) (amending **NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** 5).

3. **NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** 2 (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 480, sec. 1, at ____). Exemptions from safety belt requirements include: (1) drivers or passengers of vehicles not required by federal law to have safety belts, (2) drivers or passengers with medical exemptions, (3) employees of the Postal Service who are delivering mail, (4) passengers riding public transportation, and (5) if a vehicle is stopping frequently and its passengers are frequently leaving the vehicle). **Id.**

4. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 480, sec. 1, at ____) (amending **NEV. REV. STAT. § 484.641** 4) (Chapter 480 specifically prohibits the violation of the safety belt law from being considered as causation in a civil action).

5. **Id.** (action brought to recover damages for injury to a person or property resulting from the manufacture, distribution, sale or use of the product).