

HB 1473 -- Transportation Safety

Sponsor: Skaggs

This bill allows law enforcement officers to stop a motorist primarily for a safety belt violation.

The bill makes it illegal for the driver or any passenger in a vehicle to consume an alcoholic beverage or possess an open alcoholic beverage container while the car is on a highway or highway right-of-way. This provision does not apply to passengers who are in vehicles-for-hire, the living quarters of a house coach, house trailer, or recreational motor vehicle; or when an open alcoholic beverage container is found in the rear of a vehicle that does not have a trunk.

The bill also allows officers to submit a certified report, instead of a sworn report, to the Department of Revenue relating to any person driving while intoxicated or drugged.