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S.F. No. 3066 – “Seat belt evidence gag rule” repealed

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Current law prohibits the admissibility of the following evidence in litigation involving personal injuries or property damage resulting from the use or operation of a motor vehicle: (1) proof of the use or failure to use a seat belt or child passenger restraint system; and (2) proof of the installation or failure to install a seat belt or child passenger restraint system.

This rule is codified in **section 169.685, subdivision 4** and is commonly referred to as the “seat belt evidence gag rule.”

S.F. 3066 repeals the seat belt evidence gag rule.