

CHAPTER 117.

[H. B. 21.]

MOTOR VEHICLES—SEAT BELTS.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and requiring new automobiles or motor cars sold or registered after July 1, 1963, to be equipped with seat belts installed for the front seats thereof; and adding a new section to chapter 46.37 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 46.37 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No person shall sell any automobile manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1964 nor shall any owner cause such vehicle to be registered thereafter under the provisions of chapter 46.12 RCW unless such motor car or automobile is equipped with automobile seat belts installed for use on the front seats thereof which are of a type and installed in a manner approved by the state commission on equipment. Where registration is for transfer from an out of state license, applicant shall be informed of this section by issuing agent and have thirty days to comply. The state commission on equipment shall adopt and enforce standards as to what shall constitute adequate and safe seat belts and for the fastening and installation thereof, such standards not to be below those specified as minimum requirements by the Society of Automotive Engineers on the effective date of this act.

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requirement.

Passed the House March 13, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1963.