

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

Subject: Motor Vehicle Restraints

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Attachment(s): Attachment A: AMA Policy, H-15.986 Automatic (i.e., Passive)
Restraints to Prevent Injuries and Deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents

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POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) supports the American Medical Association (AMA) position on automatic (i.e., passive) restraints to prevent injuries and deaths from motor vehicle accidents.

The AMA's position includes support for mandatory seat belt utilization laws, mandatory child passenger restraint laws, requirements for passive restraints in automobiles, legislation to promote seat belts in school buses and all motor vehicles in public use.

Further, the SDSMA supports the primary enforcement of state provisions regarding the requirement to wear a seat belt in a motor vehicle.

AUTHORITY

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American Medical Association (Sub. Res. 2, A-84; Reaffirmed by CLRPD Rep. 3 – I-94; Reaffirmation A-04; Reaffirmed: BOT Rep. 29, A-04).

Attachment A

H-15.986 Automatic (i.e., Passive) Restraints to Prevent Injuries and Deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents

The AMA (1) supports legislation to promote availability of effective seat belts in school buses in the U.S.; and (2) supports legislative action to promote availability of effective seat belts in all motor vehicles in public use (e.g., public and private buses, taxicabs, and any other vehicles carrying passengers. (Sub. Res. 2, A-84; Reaffirmed by CLRPD Rep. 3 – I-94; Reaffirmation A-04; Reaffirmed: BOT Rep. 29, A-04).