

KS Seatbelt Fines Increase Saturday

(KAIR)--AAA Kansas is sending a reminder: buckle up or pay triple the fine. That comes as a new Kansas law goes into effect Saturday.

According to a release from AAA Kansas, Senate Bill 89 means that a person 18 or over, who's not buckled up while inside a moving vehicle, will pay a fine of \$30. The revenue generated through the increase will be administered by the Secretary of Transportation and fund an expansion of the student-driven Seatbelts Are For Everyone program, making it available to every high school in Kansas.

AAA spokesman Shawn Steward says the organization “strongly supports this new law, in hopes that the higher fines will provide more of a deterrent to not wearing seatbelts.”

According to AAA, 435 people died in motor vehicle crashes, in Kansas last year, making it one of the top ten causes of unintentional death in the state and the number one killer of teens.

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, more than seven out of 10, on average, of all people killed or seriously injured in Kansas crashes are unrestrained.

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