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## New Laws Seek to Reduce Illinois Automobile Accidents and Injuries

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In recent months, two new laws were passed in Illinois, both of which are intended to make Illinois roads safer.

First, on June 27th, Governor Pat Quinn signed a bill that requires everyone in a car to wear a seat belt. Previously, back-seat occupants over 18 years of age were exempt, but no more. As explained in this State Journal Register article, the goal behind this law and other recent laws enacted in Illinois, is to increase vehicle safety:

Officials said it was the latest measure to improve safety on Illinois roads. Others actions by the state have included a ban on texting while driving and increased training for student drivers.

Secretary of State Jesse White said making rear passengers wear seat belts will protect not only them but those people in the front seat as well.

Another law passed earlier this year that will make Illinois roads safer for motorists is the new speeding law. Under the new law, those who drive more than 30 mph over the posted speed limit will be charged with a Class B misdemeanor and will face a penalty of up to 6 months in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

More information about the penalties for speeding can be found [here](#) at the Illinois State Police website.

These laws are a step in the right direction and will make Illinois roadways safer for everyone by preventing [automobile accidents](#) and encouraging drivers to operate their vehicles more safely.

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