

BY: Senator Trotter

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 167
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, after line 12, insert:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to strengthen the enforcement of mandatory seat belt use laws in order to increase the survival rates of individuals involved in vehicular accidents on Maryland’s highways, reduce the severity of vehicular accident injuries, and curb the escalating costs of health care, workers’ compensation, and other insurance-related expenditures associated with motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, By providing for the primary enforcement of seat belt laws, the General Assembly intends to enhance the safety of motorists on the State’s highways, but does not intend to expand in any way the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer may lawfully inspect or search a motor vehicle or the vehicle’s contents, driver, or passengers; now, therefore,.”