The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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<u>Present law</u> prohibits consideration of the failure to wear a safety belt in violation of law as evidence of comparative negligence in any action to recover damages arising out of the ownership, common maintenance, or operation of a motor vehicle.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits admission of the failure to wear a safety belt in violation of law to mitigate damages.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to allow consideration of evidence of failure to wear a safety belt in an action to recover damages arising from a motor vehicle accident as comparative negligence and removes provisions prohibiting its admission to mitigate damages.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 32:295.1(E))