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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. DO YOU?

Admissibility in Civil Actions of Nonuse of a Seat Belt Act

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Short Title} This Act is titled and may be known as the Admissibility in Civil Actions of Nonuse of a Seat Belt

Section 2. In any civil action, a violation of [the mandatory seatbelt usage statute] shall not establish negligence as a matter of law or negligence per se for comparative fault purposes, but such violation may be considered in a civil action as evidence of comparative negligence or as evidence of failure to mitigate damages and such evidence may serve to reduce liability based upon an apportionment of damages as to the extent of the injury caused by the failure to wear a seat belt.

Section 3. {Repealer Clause}

Section 4. {Effective Date}

Did you know that Victor Schwartz--a lawyer who represents companies in product litigation--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Adopted by ALEC's Civil Justice Task Force at the Spring Task Force Summit May 1, 2004. Approved by full ALEC Board of Directors May, 2004.

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ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda-underwritten by global corporations-includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown With ALEC EXPOSED, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democra across the nation.

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick analysis:

This bill provides that failure to use a seatbelt can be used to limit damages in a personal injury lawsuit, without establishing negligence as a matter of law.