

# Wade Law Office Releases Educational Guide on Georgia Car Accident Statute of Limitations Following Major Tort Reform

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Wade Law Office has published a comprehensive educational guide addressing Georgia's car accident statute of limitations in response to Senate Bill 68, signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on April 21, 2025. The guide clarifies that while the two-year personal injury filing deadline remains unchanged, the new legislation fundamentally alters how damages are calculated, what evidence is admissible, and how trials are structured in car accident cases.

The Fayetteville-based personal injury firm developed the resource to help accident victims throughout Fayette County and Georgia understand their legal rights under the reformed system. Senate Bill 68 represents the most significant tort reform in Georgia in decades, introducing changes that substantially impact how car accident claims are valued and litigated.

Among the most notable changes, SB 68 eliminates what were known as phantom damages. Prior law

allowed plaintiffs to claim full billed medical amounts, but the new legislation limits recovery to amounts actually paid or reasonably expected to be paid. Additionally, the reform removes Georgia's long-standing seatbelt gag rule, making seatbelt non-use now admissible as evidence of comparative negligence and causation.

The Georgia Statute of Limitations on Car Accidents remains two years from the date of the accident for personal injury claims, while property damage claims maintain a four-year limitation period. Under Georgia's modified comparative negligence rule, plaintiffs found 50 percent or more at fault are completely barred from any recovery, making the new evidence rules particularly significant.

"The two-year filing deadline for personal injury claims survived the reform unchanged, but everything else about pursuing a car accident claim in Georgia has been transformed," said Jon Wade, attorney at Wade Law Office. "Accident victims who delay seeking legal counsel risk not only missing their filing deadline but also losing critical evidence needed to navigate a system that now presents additional challenges for injured plaintiffs."

The timing of the guide's release reflects growing concern among legal professionals about how the reformed landscape affects injured Georgians. With insurers and defendants gaining advantages through the new legislation, understanding both the unchanged statute of limitations and the altered legal framework has become essential for anyone involved in a car accident.

The educational guide published by Wade Law Georgia Statute of Limitations on Car Accidents provides detailed information about filing deadlines, the impact of SB 68 on damage calculations, new evidence admissibility rules, and trial bifurcation options that can affect case outcomes. The resource aims to help accident victims make informed decisions about their legal options before time-sensitive rights are lost.

Wade Law Office brings more than 80 years of combined trial experience to complex personal injury matters, having recovered over $10 million for injured clients throughout Georgia. The firm's attorneys have extensive experience navigating Georgia's personal injury laws and helping clients secure compensation for medical costs, lost wages, and other damages resulting from car accidents.

Wade Law Office is a personal injury law firm based in Fayetteville, Georgia, representing clients in car accident, catastrophic injury, wrongful death, and personal injury cases throughout Fayette County and the surrounding region. The firm operates on a contingency fee basis with no upfront costs to clients and offers free consultations.

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