



Wade Law Office Addresses New Legal Challenges for Peachtree City Car Accident Victims Following Georgia Senate Bill 68

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Wade Law Office announced expanded car accident representation services for Peachtree City and Fayette County residents, responding to significant legal changes under Georgia Senate Bill 68 and rising crash rates on local corridors including State Routes 54 and 74.

The announcement follows a recent high-speed fatal crash on Peachtree Parkway near Robinson Road in Peachtree City, the city's primary north-south commercial connector, where a driver lost control at speed. This incident reflects documented dangers on Fayette County's high-traffic arterials where commuter volume and suburban development have outpaced road infrastructure improvements.

Georgia recorded more than 1.8 million total traffic crashes from 2020 through 2024, resulting in 9,134 deaths and more than 727,000 injuries, according to the Georgia Department of Transportation Crash Data Dashboard. The state recorded 367,523 total crashes in 2024 alone, with 1,596 fatalities and more than

143,000 injuries statewide.

Georgia Senate Bill 68, signed April 21, 2025, introduces two provisions that directly affect Peachtree City Car Accident Lawyer representation. The law removes the longstanding seatbelt gag rule, allowing defense attorneys to introduce evidence that a crash victim was not wearing a seatbelt to argue comparative fault or reduced damages in all vehicle accident cases. The legislation also establishes a phantom damages rule that eliminates victims' ability to claim the full billed amount from medical facilities including Piedmont Fayette Hospital. Victims with health insurance can now only recover amounts actually paid by their insurer, which at negotiated rates can be 30 to 50 percent below the charged amount.

"The combination of Senate Bill 68's seatbelt evidence change and phantom damages rule creates a compounding challenge for Peachtree City motorists injured on State Routes 54 and 74," said Jon Wade, Attorney at Wade Law Office. "Insurance adjusters can now argue seatbelt non-use as a comparative fault factor while simultaneously limiting what insured victims can recover for emergency treatment at Piedmont Fayette Hospital. These two provisions work together to reduce compensation regardless of how clearly the other driver was at fault, making it essential for accident victims to secure legal representation before their first insurance contact."

The legal changes affect how claims are structured from the initial documentation phase. Under Georgia's distracted driving law, which prohibits handheld device use while driving, insurance adjusters can now simultaneously argue seatbelt non-use as a comparative fault factor while disputing the at-fault driver's distracted driving as the proximate cause.

Wade law Peachtree City car accident lawyer services have adapted to address these new legal complexities, focusing on preserving crash scene evidence and structuring medical documentation from the first treatment visit. The firm has recovered over 10 million dollars for personal injury clients throughout Fayette County, Clayton County, and Metro Atlanta in car accidents, truck crashes, and catastrophic injury cases.

Wade Law Office is a personal injury law firm based in Jonesboro, Georgia, serving Peachtree City, Fayette County, and the Metro Atlanta area. With 80 years of combined experience, the firm's attorneys Jon Wade, Leslie Wade, and Stephen Greene handle car accident claims, truck accidents, motorcycle crashes, catastrophic injury cases, and wrongful death matters on a contingency fee basis.

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