

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0002

Child restraint-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation and Highways Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Child Safety Restraint Act; limiting
2 the definition of "passenger vehicle" as specified;
3 authorizing a child to be a passenger in the front seat of
4 a vehicle under certain conditions; requiring the use of
5 child restraints as specified; providing a definition; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1302(a)(v) and 31-5-1303(a) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **31-5-1302. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this article:

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1 (v) "Passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle,
2 ~~excluding emergency and law enforcement vehicles,~~ designed
3 to carry people and that was equipped with safety belts at
4 the time of manufacture,⁺ excluding:

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6 (A) Emergency and law enforcement vehicles;

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8 (B) School buses as defined under W.S.
9 31-5-102(a)(xlii), including buses registered to a private
10 school or church used to transport children to or from
11 school or church or in connection with school or church
12 activities;

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14 (C) Buses, or other vehicles designed and
15 used for public transportation, whether intrastate or
16 interstate, that were not equipped with safety belts at the
17 time of manufacture.

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19 **31-5-1303. Child safety restraint system; required**
20 **use; exception.**

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22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
23 this section, no person shall operate a passenger vehicle
24 in this state unless each child who is a passenger in that

1 vehicle and who is eight (8) years of age or under, and who
2 weighs eighty (80) pounds or less, is properly secured in a
3 child safety restraint system in a seat of the vehicle
4 other than the front seat, except if the vehicle is only
5 equipped with one (1) row of seats, or if all safety belts
6 in the rows of seats behind the front seat are in use by
7 other child passengers in the vehicle, the child may be
8 properly secured in a child safety restraint system in the
9 front passenger seat of the vehicle. Any child who is over
10 the age of eight (8) years or who weighs more than eighty
11 (80) pounds shall not be required to be in a child safety
12 restraint system while traveling in a passenger vehicle in
13 this state, except that if the lap and shoulder belts of
14 the vehicle will not fit properly across the collarbone,
15 chest and hips of the child and may pose a danger to the
16 neck, face or abdominal area of the child in the event of a
17 crash or sudden stop, the child shall be secured in an
18 appropriate child restraint system which meets standards
19 prescribed by 49 C.F.R. 571.213.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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