

SENATE FILE NO. SF0055

Child restraint-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Johnson and Representative(s) Edwards

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Child Safety Restraint Act; limiting
2 the definition of "passenger vehicle" as specified;
3 amending the age and eliminating the weight restriction of
4 passengers to whom the act applies; creating additional
5 exceptions as specified; and providing for an effective
6 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),
11 (b)(intro) and by creating a new paragraph (vii) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **31-5-1302. Definitions.**

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16 (a) As used in this article:

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

(A) Emergency and law enforcement vehicles;

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

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

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

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall operate a passenger vehicle

1 in this state unless each child who is a passenger in that
2 vehicle and who ~~is eight (8) years of age or under, and who~~
3 ~~weighs eighty (80) pounds or less,~~ has not reached his
4 ninth birthday is properly secured in a child safety
5 restraint system in a seat of the vehicle other than the
6 front seat, except if the vehicle is only equipped with one
7 (1) row of seats, or if all safety belts in the rows of
8 seats behind the front seat are in use by other child
9 passengers in the vehicle, the child may be properly
10 secured in a child safety restraint system in the front
11 passenger seat of the vehicle, except that a rear-facing
12 infant seat shall not be placed in front of an active
13 airbag.

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15 (b) Any child who is within the age ~~and weight~~
16 requirements specified in subsection (a) of this section
17 need not be properly secured in a child safety restraint
18 system if:

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20 (vii) The lap and shoulder belts of the vehicle
21 will fit properly across the collarbone, chest and hips of
22 the child and the belts do not pose a danger to the neck,
23 face or abdominal area of the child in the event of a crash
24 or sudden stop.

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

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