

SENATE FILE NO. SF0019

Highway safety-child restraints.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring rear-facing
2 child safety restraint systems for children younger than
3 two (2) years old or under the weight or height limits
4 specified for the particular child safety restraint system;
5 clarifying the placement of child safety restraint systems
6 in front of active airbags; and providing for an effective
7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1303(a) is amended to read:

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13 **31-5-1303. Child safety restraint system; required**
14 **use; exception.**

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1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
2 this section, no person shall operate a passenger vehicle
3 in this state unless each child who is a passenger in that
4 vehicle and who has not reached ~~his~~that child's ninth
5 birthday is properly secured in a child safety restraint
6 system in a seat of the vehicle other than the front seat,
7 except if the vehicle is only equipped with one (1) row of
8 seats, or if all safety belts in the rows of seats behind
9 the front seat are in use by other child passengers in the
10 vehicle, the child may be properly secured in a child
11 safety restraint system in the front passenger seat of the
12 vehicle, except that a rear-facing ~~infant seat~~child safety
13 restraint system shall not be placed in front of an active
14 airbag. The child safety restraint system required by this
15 subsection shall be rear-facing until the child reaches
16 either the age of two (2) or the weight or height limit
17 specified by the manufacturer of the child safety restraint
18 system.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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