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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

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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1           **31-5-1303. Child safety restraint system; required**  
2 **use; exception.**

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

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3 STAFF COMMENT

4 The Committee may wish to consider WYDOT's recommendation  
5 presented at the June 2024 meeting to change the required  
6 age of rear-facing child safety restraint systems from two  
7 (2) years of age to three (3).

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12 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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14 (END)