

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Transportation, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 28.05.095(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, a driver may not transport a child
5 under the age of 16 in a motor vehicle unless the driver has provided the required
6 safety device and properly secured each child as described in this subsection. A [IF
7 THE] child

8 (1) less than one year of age or a child one year of age or older who
9 weighs less than 20 pounds shall be properly secured in a rear-facing child safety
10 seat that meets or exceeds [IS LESS THAN FOUR YEARS OF AGE, THE CHILD
11 SHALL BE PROPERLY SECURED IN A CHILD SAFETY DEVICE MEETING
12 THE] standards of the United States Department of Transportation and is used in
13 accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;

14 (2) one or more years of age but less than five years of age who
15 weighs over 20 pounds shall be properly secured in a child restraint device that

1 meets or exceeds the standards of the United States Department of
2 Transportation and is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;

3 (3) over four years of age but less than eight years of age who is
4 less than 57 inches in height and weighs 20 or more pounds but less than 80
5 pounds shall be properly secured in a booster seat that is secured by a seat belt
6 system or by another child passenger restraint system that meets or exceeds the
7 standards of the United States Department of Transportation and is used in
8 accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;

9 (4) over four years of age who exceeds the height and weight
10 requirements in (3) of this subsection shall be properly secured in a seat belt;

11 (5) eight years of age [FOR A CHILD SAFETY DEVICE FOR
12 INFANTS. IF THE CHILD IS FOUR] but not yet 16 years of age who does not
13 exceed the height and weight requirements in (3) of this subsection [, THE
14 CHILD] shall be properly secured in a child safety device approved for a child of that
15 [AGE AND] size by the United States Department of Transportation or in a safety
16 belt, whichever is appropriate for the particular child.