

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CHILD RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING APPROPRIATE RESTRAINTS FOR CHILDREN IN A VEHICLE IF ONE CHILD IS UNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE AND WEIGHS LESS THAN 60 POUNDS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-9-420, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-9-420, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-9-420. Child safety restraint systems -- standards -- exemptions. (1) If a child under 6 years of age and weighing less than 60 pounds is a passenger in a motor vehicle, that motor vehicle must be equipped with ~~one~~ child safety ~~restraint~~ restraints appropriate for each child in the vehicle and each child must be properly restrained. ~~The child safety restraint must be appropriate for the height and weight of the child as indicated by manufacturer standards.~~

(2) The department shall by rule establish standards in compliance with 61-9-419 through 61-9-423 and applicable federal standards for approved types of child safety restraint systems.

(3) The department may by rule exempt from the requirements of subsection (1) a child who because of a physical or medical condition or body size cannot be placed in a child safety restraint."

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