

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 224

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING NEW SCHOOL BUSES THAT ARE PURCHASED ON
5 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2009, TO HAVE SEATBELTS; AMENDING SECTION 61-9-421, MCA; AND
6 PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 61-9-421, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"61-9-421. Certain vehicles exempt.** Except as provided in [section 2], ~~Section~~ 61-9-420 is not
12 applicable to a vehicle that:

13 (1) is a motorbus, schoolbus, taxicab, moped, quadricycle, or motorcycle or is not required to be
14 equipped with safety belts under 49 CFR 571 as it reads on January 1, 1984; or

15 (2) has a seating capacity as designated by the manufacturer of two persons and there are two persons
16 4 years of age or older in the vehicle."

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18 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Seatbelt requirement for school buses purchased on or after January**
19 **1, 2009.** Beginning on January 1, 2009, all new school buses purchased for use in the state of Montana must
20 have seatbelts.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an
23 integral part of Title 20, chapter 10, part 1, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 10, part 1, apply to [section 2].

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2009.

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