

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE AND WEIGHING LESS THAN 20 POUNDS BE RESTRAINED IN A REAR-FACING CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINT; 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 for each child in the vehicle and each child must be properly restrained.

(2) A child under 1 year of age and weighing less than 20 pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing child safety restraint in a rear seat of the motor vehicle.

~~(2)~~(3) 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)~~(4) 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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