

HB 731 -- CHILD SAFETY SEAT REQUIREMENTS

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This bill requires that children, until the age of two, must be secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system, except a child of this age may face forward when the child reaches a highest rear-facing weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat. Children of at least 80 pounds, more than four feet nine inches in height, and at least eight years in age must be secured under Section 307.178, RSMo. The bill repeals the provision that exempts from the child restraint laws children in an immediate family when there are less seatbelts than children. The bill makes all violations of this section a fraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.