

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(STA)**

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

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/20/09

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS FRENCH, Paskvan

**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 20 pounds or more shall be properly secured in a child restraint device

1       that 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 less than [NOT YET] 16 years of age who  
13      does not exceed the height and weight requirements in (3) of this subsection [,  
14      THE CHILD] shall be properly secured in a child safety device approved for a child of  
15      that [AGE AND] size by the United States Department of Transportation or in a safety  
16      belt, whichever is appropriate for the particular child.