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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 131()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOLMES, Harris, Gruenberg, Millett

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 28.05.095(b) is amended to read:

(b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, a driver may not transport a child under the age of 16 in a motor vehicle unless the driver has provided the required safety device and properly secured each child as described in this subsection. A [IF THE] child

(1) to at least one year of age shall be properly secured in a rear-facing child safety seat that meets or exceeds [IS LESS THAN FOUR YEARS OF AGE, THE CHILD SHALL BE PROPERLY SECURED IN A CHILD SAFETY DEVICE MEETING] the standards of the United States Department of Transportation;

(2) who weighs less than at least 20 pounds shall be properly secured in a rear-facing child safety seat that meets or exceeds the standards of the United States Department of Transportation;

1 (3) who weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 40 pounds shall be
2 secured in a forward-facing or rear-facing child safety seat, whichever is more
3 appropriate for the child and is in accord with the manufacturer's instructions,
4 that meets or exceeds the standards of the United States Department of
5 Transportation;

6 (4) who weighs 40 pounds or more but is less than 57 inches in
7 height shall be secured in a booster seat that is secured by a safety belt system or
8 by another child passenger restraint system that meets or exceeds the standards
9 of the United States Department of Transportation;

10 (5) who exceeds the height requirements of (4) of this subsection
11 shall be properly secured in a safety belt;

12 (6) who does not exceed the height requirements in (4) of this
13 subsection but is at least eight years of age [FOR A CHILD SAFETY DEVICE
14 FOR INFANTS. IF THE CHILD IS FOUR] but not yet 16 years of age [, THE
15 CHILD] shall be properly secured in a child safety device approved for a child of that
16 age and size by the United States Department of Transportation or in a safety belt,
17 whichever is appropriate for the particular child.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 28.05.095 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (g) Child safety seats, booster seats, and restraint systems required under (b)
20 of this section must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.