

By Senator Posey

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s.

3 316.2015, F.S.; prohibiting the operator of a

4 pickup or flatbed truck from allowing a minor

5 to ride in the open body of the pickup or

6 flatbed truck while on a public road unless the

7 minor is restrained in safety restraints or

8 secure seating; providing certain exceptions;

9 providing that a county is exempt from the

10 requirement upon a majority vote of the

11 governing body of the county; providing an

12 effective date.

14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

16 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section

17 316.2015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 316.2015 Unlawful for person to ride on exterior of

19 vehicle.--

20 (2)

21 (b) It is unlawful for any operator of a pickup truck

22 or flatbed truck to permit a minor child who has not attained

23 18 years of age to ride upon a public road ~~limited access~~

24 ~~facilities~~ of the state within the open body of a pickup truck

25 or flatbed truck unless the minor is restrained within the

26 open body in the back of a truck that has been modified to

27 include ~~secure seating and~~ safety restraints or secure seating

28 with safety restraints in order to prevent the passenger from

29 being thrown, falling, or jumping from the truck. This

30 paragraph does not apply in a medical emergency or natural

31 disaster if the child is accompanied within the truck by an

1 adult. A county is exempt from this paragraph if the governing
2 body of the county, by majority vote, following a noticed
3 public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this
4 paragraph.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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8 SENATE SUMMARY

9 Prohibits a minor from riding in the open body of a
10 pickup or flatbed truck on public roads unless the minor
11 is restrained in secure seating.

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