

By Senator Posey

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.2015,
3 F.S.; prohibiting the operator of a pickup or flatbed
4 truck from allowing a minor to ride in the open body of
5 the pickup or flatbed truck while on a public road unless
6 the minor is restrained in safety restraints or secure
7 seating; providing certain exceptions; providing that a
8 county is exempt from the requirement upon a majority vote
9 of the governing body of the county; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
15 316.2015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 316.2015 Unlawful for person to ride on exterior of
17 vehicle.--

18 (2)

19 (b) It is unlawful for any operator of a pickup truck or
20 flatbed truck to permit a minor child who has not attained 18
21 years of age to ride upon a public road ~~limited access facilities~~
22 of the state within the open body of a pickup truck or flatbed
23 truck unless the minor is restrained within the open body in the
24 back of a truck that has been modified to include ~~secure seating~~
25 ~~and~~ safety restraints or secure seating with safety restraints in
26 order to prevent the passenger from being thrown, falling, or
27 jumping from the truck. This paragraph does not apply in a
28 medical emergency or natural disaster if the child is accompanied
29 within the truck by an adult. A county is exempt from this

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30 | paragraph if the governing body of the county, by majority vote,
31 | following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county
32 | from this paragraph.

33 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.