

SENATE BILL NO. 290

INTRODUCED BY J. COHENOUR

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A NEW SCHOOL BUS THAT IS PURCHASED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019, TO HAVE SEATBELTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-9-421, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 61-9-421, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-9-421. Certain vehicles exempt. ~~Section~~ Except as provided in [section 2], 61-9-420 is not applicable to a vehicle that:

(1) is a motorbus, schoolbus, taxicab, moped, quadricycle, or motorcycle or is not required to be equipped with safety belts under 49 CFR 571 as it reads on January 1, 1984; or

(2) has a seating capacity as designated by the manufacturer of two persons and there are two persons 4 years of age or older in the vehicle."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Seatbelt requirement for new school buses.** A school bus that is purchased on or after January 1, 2019, for use in the state of Montana must be equipped with seatbelts.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 10, part 1, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 10, part 1, apply to [section 2].

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