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HOUSE BILL 27

Short Title: No Children in Pickup Beds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Dickson; Berry, Bowman, James, Luebke, Moore, Russell, G. Thompson, and Wood.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE IN THE BED OR CARGO AREA OF PICKUP TRUCKS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-135.2B. Transporting children under 12 years of age in pickup truck beds prohibited; exceptions.

(a) The driver of the vehicle shall insure that no child under the age of 12 years of age is transported in the bed of a pickup truck, or other vehicle having an open bed.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply when:

(1) The vehicle is being operated at a speed of 15 miles per hour or less;

(2) An adult is present in the open bed of the vehicle and is supervising the child; or

(3) The child is secured or restrained by a seat belt manufactured in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, installed to support a load strength of not less than 5,000 pounds for each belt, and of a type approved by the Commissioner.

(c) The provisions of G.S. 20-135.2A(d)-(i) apply to this section."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.