

## CHAPTER 58

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**


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## SENATE BILL 26-026

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 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lieder and Winter T., Bacon, Barron, Boesenecker, Caldwell, Duran, Goldstein, Johnson, Joseph, Keltie, Nguyen, Phillips, Rutinel, Taggart, Weinberg.

## AN ACT

**CONCERNING INCREASING THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING LIMIT FOR A PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE USE OF A CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM IS REQUIRED.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-236, **amend** (1)(a.8) as follows:

**42-4-236. Child restraint systems required - exemptions - penalty - definitions.**

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a.8) "Motor vehicle" means a passenger car; a pickup truck; or a van, minivan, or sport utility vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than ~~ten~~ SIXTEEN thousand pounds. "Motor vehicle" does not include motorcycles, low-power scooters, and farm tractors and implements of husbandry designed primarily or exclusively for use in agricultural operations.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to

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be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to infractions committed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

Approved: April 20, 2026