

House Bill 2525

Sponsored by Representative GELSER; Representative READ, Senator DEVLIN

SUMMARY

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Creates offense of endangering child safety. Punishes by maximum fine of \$90.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to endangering child safety.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
5 **Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "vulnerable passenger" means a passenger 13**
7 **years of age or older who, by reason of medical condition or body size, is at greater risk of**
8 **injury in the event of an accident or collision than another passenger in the motor vehicle**
9 **who is under 13 years of age.**

10 **(2) A person commits the offense of endangering child safety if the person operates a**
11 **motor vehicle on the highways of this state with a passenger who is:**

12 **(a) Under 13 years of age; and**

13 **(b) Seated in the front seat when a rear passenger seating position is available.**

14 **(3) For the purposes of this section, a rear passenger seating position is available if the**
15 **position is equipped with a safety belt or safety harness and is not occupied by a vulnerable**
16 **passenger or by a passenger who is under 13 years of age.**

17 **(4) The offense described in this section, endangering child safety, is a Class D traffic**
18 **violation.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.