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Indiana Child Passenger Law

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This is an over-review of the IC9-19-10 Chapter 10: Passenger Restraint Systems that goes into effective July 1, 2005

- Children are required to ride properly restrained in a child restraint, which can include a belt positioning booster seat, until they reach their 8th birthday. (This does not include shoulder belt positioners).
- If a court proceedings a driver who has received a violation under this code possesses or has acquired a child restraint system, the driver is not liable for any costs or monetary judgment if the person has no previous judgments of violation of this chapter against the person.
- Fees collected from violations will be entered into a fund to purchase child restraints for low-income families throughout Indiana.
- Exemptions:
 - If all lap/shoulder seat belts are being used by other children, then a child over 40 pounds may ride in a lap only seat belt without a child restraint. (Booster seats cannot be safely used with a lap only seat belt).
 - This chapter (9-19-11-1) does not apply to a person who operates any of the following vehicles:
 - A school bus.
 - A taxicab.
 - An Ambulance.
 - A public passenger bus.
 - A motor vehicle having a seating capacity greater than nine (9) individuals that is owned or leased and operated by a religious or not-for-profit youth organization.
 - An Antique motor vehicle.
 - A motorcycle.
 - A motor vehicle that is owned or leased by a governmental unit and is being used in the performance of official law enforcement duties.
 - A motor vehicle that is being used in an emergency.
- Children at least 8 years old until their 16th birthday are required to ride properly restrained in a child restraint system or seat belt in all seating positions in all vehicles.
- Law effective July 1, 2005.

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- Children 16 and older (& adults) are required to ride properly restrained in a seat belt in the front seat in passenger vehicles.
 - Current Law

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