

NC Children in the Back of Pickup Trucks Law - G.S. 20-135.2B

Summary of law

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Ages/Positions Covered:

» This law covers children less than age 12 riding in open beds of pickup trucks or other open cargo area.

Vehicles Covered:

» Vehicles having open beds or cargo areas without permanent overhead restraining construction.

Restraint Required:

» Transport in open bed or open cargo area prohibited.

Exemptions:

» If adult is present in bed or cargo area and is supervising the child.

» If child is secured or restrained by seat belt in compliance with FMVSS 208 installed to support load of 5,000 lbs. for each belt and of a type approved by the Commissioner.

» An emergency situation exists

» Vehicle is being operated in a parade pursuant to a valid permit.

» Vehicle is being operated for agricultural purposes.

» In counties with no incorporated town with a population greater than 3,500.

Responsibility/Penalties:

» Driver responsible for all children less than twelve.

» Penalty of \$25.

» No court costs apply.

» No driver license points

» No insurance points.