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STATE OF COLORADO

**ENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 26-0332.01 Lindy Schaible x4215

**SENATE BILL 26-026**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

As it relates to child restraint system requirements, current law defines a "motor vehicle" to include certain passenger vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds. The bill increases the gross vehicle weight rating criteria in the definition to less than 16,000 pounds.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
March 2, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

13           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
14 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following

15 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
16 general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13,  
17 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
18 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
19 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
20 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
21 to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
22 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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