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SENATE BILL NO. 25

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Health

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the use of safety seat belts by passenger vehicle
2 occupants under eighteen years of age.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 32-37 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The operator of any passenger vehicle transporting a child who is at least five and under
7 eighteen years of age on the streets and highways of this state shall assure that the child is
8 wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system at all times when the vehicle is
9 in motion. A violation of this section is a petty offense.

10 Section 2. That chapter 32-37 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
11 follows:

12 The operator and every passenger of any passenger vehicle operated on a public street or
13 highway in this state, who is at least fourteen and under eighteen years of age, shall wear a
14 properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system at all times when the vehicle is in motion.
15 A violation of this section is a petty offense.

1 Section 3. That § 32-37-2 be amended to read as follows:

2 32-37-2. The provisions of ~~§ 32-37-1~~ this chapter do not apply:

3 ~~(1) If all seating positions equipped with seat belts are occupied; or~~

4 ~~(2) In in~~ passenger cars manufactured before 1966 that have not been equipped with seat

5 belts.