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HOUSE BILL NO. 1198

Introduced by: Representatives Valandra and Van Norman and Senator LaPointe

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require seat belts on certain school buses.

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

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

5 Any new school bus purchased on or after July 1, 2003, shall be equipped with safety belts
6 for use by each person riding the bus. The safety belts shall be of a design to provide a lap belt
7 for pelvic restraint or a shoulder harness to restrain upper torso movement. The Department of
8 Education shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, regarding the type and specification
9 of these safety belts to be installed on school buses.

10 Section 2. That § 32-38-2 be amended to read as follows:

11 32-38-2. For the purposes of this chapter, a passenger vehicle is any self-propelled vehicle
12 intended primarily for use and operation on the public highways including passenger cars, station
13 wagons, vans, taxicabs, emergency vehicles, motor homes, trucks, and pickups. The term does
14 not include motorcycles, motor scooters, motor bicycles, motorized bicycles, and passenger
15 buses, ~~and school buses~~. The term does not include any school bus purchased before July 1,
16 2003. The term also does not include farm tractors and implements of husbandry designed



1 primarily or exclusively for use in agricultural operations.