



Summary of Act 13 of 2006
The Arkansas Protection from Secondhand Smoke for Children
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Act 13 of 2006 amends a section of existing law that requires children who are under the age of 6 and weigh less than 60 pounds to ride in a “safety seat properly secured to the vehicle,” according to Arkansas Code Annotated 27-34-104. Violation of this law may result in a fine between \$25 and \$100.

The Act bans smoking in all motor vehicles carrying children who are restrained in safety seats as described in Arkansas Code Annotated 27-34-104. The Act authorizes a \$25 fine per violation. Fines may be waived if drivers prove they have entered a smoking cessation program. Violation of Act 13 is classified as a “primary offense,” meaning police may stop and cite an adult motorist for smoking in a vehicle carrying a child in a safety seat.