

HOUSE No. 2318

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to enhance child passenger safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2318) of Mindy Domb and others relative to further regulating child passenger restraints in motor vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2446 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to enhance child passenger safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 7AA of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph;-

3 The child passenger restraint shall be approved by the US Department of Transportation's
4 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213, and must be properly fastened and secured
5 according to the manufacturer's instructions. All infants and toddlers under the age of 2 years or
6 weighing less than 30 lbs. shall be restrained in a rear-facing car seat. All children 2 years or
7 older, or who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat by height and weight, should use a
8 forward facing car seat with a harness up to the maximum height and weight allowed by the
9 child restraint manufacturer.