

SENATE No. 1524

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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:

Barry R. Finegold

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1524) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to enhance child passenger safety. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1592 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 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:-

4 A passenger in a motor vehicle on any way who is under the age of 8 shall be fastened
5 and secured by a child passenger restraint, unless such passenger measures more than 57 inches
6 in height. The child passenger restraint shall be properly fastened and secured according to the
7 manufacturer's instructions. The child passenger restraint shall comply with the United States
8 Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and shall be
9 properly fastened and secured according to the manufacturer's instructions. All infants and
10 toddlers under the age of 2 years or weighing less than 30 pounds shall be restrained in a rear-

11 facing car seat. All children 2 years or older, or who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat by
12 height and weight, should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness up to the maximum height
13 and weight allowed by the child restraint manufacturer.