

SENATE No. 2300

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 protect the health and well-being of child passengers in vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2300) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to protect the health and well-being of child passengers in vehicles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to protect the health and well-being of child passengers in vehicles.

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 1. Section 7AA of chapter 90, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence of paragraph 3 and replacing it with the
3 following sentence:-

4 An operator of a motor vehicle who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject
5 to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars; provided, however, that said one hundred dollar
6 fine shall not apply to an operator of a motor vehicle licensed as a taxi cab not equipped with a
7 child passenger restraint device.

8 SECTION 2. Section 13A of chapter 90, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is
9 hereby amended by striking out the sentence Any operator of a motor vehicle shall be subject to
10 an additional fine of twenty-five dollars for each person under the age of sixteen and no younger
11 than twelve who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt. and replacing
12 it with the following sentence:-

13 Any operator of a motor vehicle shall be subject to an additional fine of one hundred
14 dollars for each person under the age of sixteen who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not
15 wearing a safety belt.

16 SECTION 3. The registrar, as defined in Section 56 of chapter 6C shall approve driver
17 education information relative to the health and safety risks of unsecured children in vehicles for
18 publication in the Registry of Motor Vehicles' Driver's Manual.