

HOUSE No. 1243

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

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>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1243) of Claire D. Cronin and others relative to further regulating child passenger restraints in motor vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2014 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.