

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3575**

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**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>1/10/2019</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i>       | <i>8th Norfolk</i>                 | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>           | <i>5th Barnstable</i>              | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>    | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>     | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i>     | <i>4th Bristol</i>                 | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>             | <i>11th Middlesex</i>              | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i>                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>    | <i>9th Plymouth</i>                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i>     | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>   | <i>10th Plymouth</i>               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3575) 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1243 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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.