

SENATE No. 1411

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: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>1/16/2019</i> |
| <i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Mark C. Montigny</i> | <i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i> | <i>Second Essex</i> | <i>12/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/2/2020</i> |

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1411) of Barry R. Finegold, Michael D. Brady, Viriato M. deMacedo, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance child passenger safety. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1903 OF 2017-2018.]

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

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 must comply with 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.