

HOUSE No. 2603

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

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>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/26/2025</i>

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By Representative Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2603) of Mindy Domb relative to further regulating child passenger restraints in motor vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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 the 2016 Official Edition,
2 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. A child who is younger than two years of age must
6 be restrained in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system with an internal harness, until the
7 child reaches the manufacturer's height or weight limit of the child passenger restraint system. A
8 child who is at least two years of age must be restrained in either a rear-facing child passenger
9 restraint system with an internal harness, or a forward-facing child passenger restraint system
10 with an internal harness, until the child reaches the height or weight limit of the child passenger
11 restraint system.