

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1657**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. 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:

*John J. Cronin*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1657) of John J. Cronin for legislation to enhance child passenger safety. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1524 OF 2023-2024.]

**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.