

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1703**

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**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 enhancing child passenger safety.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1703) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to enhance child passenger safety. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act enhancing 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 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended in the first paragraph by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3 The child passenger restraint shall comply with the United States Department of  
4 Transportation's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and shall be properly fastened and  
5 secured according to the manufacturer's instructions. All infants and toddlers under the age of 2  
6 years or weighing less than 30 pounds shall be restrained in a rear-facing car seat. It is hereby  
7 declared to be the public policy of the commonwealth that all children who have outgrown their  
8 rear-facing car seat by height and weight should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness up  
9 to the maximum height and weight allowed by the child restraint manufacturer.