

SENATE No.

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

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**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 1. Section 7AA of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph, the following
3 paragraph:-

4 The child passenger restraint shall be approved by the US Department of Transportation’s
5 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and must be properly fastened and secured
6 according to the manufacturer’s instructions. A child who is younger than two years of age must
7 be restrained in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system with an internal harness, until the
8 child reaches the manufacturer’s height or weight limit of the child passenger restraint system. A
9 child who is at least two years of age must be restrained in either a rear-facing child passenger
10 restraint system with an internal harness, or a forward-facing child passenger restraint system

- 11 with an internal harness, until the child reaches the height or weight limit of the child passenger
- 12 restraint system.