

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 protect the health and well-being of child passengers in vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2300 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 to protect the health and well-being of child passengers in vehicles.

*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, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence of paragraph 3 and replacing it with the  
3 following sentence:-

4 An operator of a motor vehicle who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject  
5 to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars; provided, however, that said one hundred dollar  
6 fine shall not apply to an operator of a motor vehicle licensed as a taxi cab not equipped with a  
7 child passenger restraint device.

8 SECTION 2. Section 13A of chapter 90, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
9 hereby amended by striking out the sentence "Any operator of a motor vehicle shall be subject to  
10 an additional fine of twenty-five dollars for each person under the age of sixteen and no younger

11 than twelve who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt." and  
12 replacing it with the following sentence:-

13 Any operator of a motor vehicle shall be subject to an additional fine of one hundred  
14 dollars for each person under the age of sixteen who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not  
15 wearing a safety belt.

16 SECTION 3. The registrar, as defined in Section 56 of chapter 6C shall approve driver  
17 education information relative to the health and safety risks of unsecured children in vehicles for  
18 publication in the Registry of Motor Vehicles' Driver's Manual.