

CHAPTER 23

(Senate Bill 141)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles - Child Restraints

FOR the purpose of requiring that any person transporting a child of a certain age in certain vehicles position and secure the child in a child safety seat, properly fastened seat belt, or combination seat belt-shoulder harness, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the use of child safety seats in motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation  
Section 22-412.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

22-412.2.

(a) (1) In this section, "child safety seat" means a device that is manufactured in accordance with the 1981 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and is used to restrain, seat, or position a child who is transported in a motor vehicle.

(2) "Child safety seat" does not mean a seat belt or combination seat belt-shoulder harness.

(b) A child safety seat meets the requirements of this section only if it is installed and used in accordance with the directions of the manufacturer.

(c) This section applies only to the transportation of a child in a Class A (passenger) VEHICLE, CLASS E (TRUCK) WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF 3/4 TON OR LESS, THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED 7,000 POUNDS, or Class M (multipurpose) vehicle registered in this State.

(d) Any person transporting a child under the age of 3 shall position and secure the child in a child safety seat.