

**CHAPTER 401**

**(Senate Bill 473)**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seat and Seat Belt Use**

FOR the purpose of requiring a person transporting a child under a certain age in a motor vehicle to secure the child in a child safety seat or seat belt; clarifying the age and weight provisions under the child safety seat law; and generally relating to the use of child safety seats and seat belts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 22-412.2 and 22-412.3(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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Article – Transportation

Section 22-412.3(a)

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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[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) “[child] 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)](II) “Child safety seat” does not mean a seat belt or combination seat belt-shoulder harness.

(3) (I) “SEAT BELT” MEANS A RESTRAINING DEVICE DESCRIBED UNDER § 22-412 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) “SEAT BELT” INCLUDES A 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.