

**Article - Transportation**

22-412.2.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Child safety seat" means a device, INCLUDING A CHILD BOOSTER SEAT, that [is manufactured in accordance with the 1981 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and] ~~THE MANUFACTURER CERTIFIES~~ is:

1. CERTIFIES IS MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS; AND

2. ~~INTENDED~~ INTENDS TO BE used to restrain, seat, or position a child who is transported in a motor vehicle.

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

(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.

(c) This section applies to the transportation of a child in a vehicle registered, or of a type capable of being registered, in this State as a:

(1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;

(2) 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

(3) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

(d) ~~[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D-1) OF THIS SECTION,~~ A person transporting a child IN A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE STATE shall secure the child in a child safety seat in accordance with the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions if the child:

(1) Is under the age of 4 6 years, regardless of the child's weight; or

(2) Weighs 40 pounds or less, regardless of the child's age] ~~IS 6 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.~~

~~(D-1) (4) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.~~

~~(2)~~ A PERSON TRANSPORTING A CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, SHALL SECURE THE CHILD IN A CHILD SAFETY SEAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHILD SAFETY SEAT AND VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS' INSTRUCTIONS IF THE CHILD: