

~~(i) Did not possess a child safety seat at the time of the violation;~~

~~(ii) Acquires a child safety seat prior to the hearing date; and~~

~~(iii) Provides proof of acquisition to the court.~~

~~(m) The Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall jointly implement the Child Safety Seat Program and foster compliance with this section through educational and promotional efforts.~~

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~~(d) 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 6 years, regardless of the child's weight; or~~

~~(2) Weighs 40] WEIGHS 50 pounds or less], regardless of the child's age];~~

*(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 the manufacturer:*

*1. Certifies is manufactured in accordance with applicable federal safety standards; and*

*2. 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.*