

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 9, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for
3 restraint systems; AND MAKING AN EDITORIAL CHANGE. <--

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4581(a)(1) and (1.1) of Title 75 of the <--
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 SECTION 1. THE HEADING OF SUBCHAPTER E OF CHAPTER 45 OF <--
9 TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO
10 READ:

SUBCHAPTER E

[CHILD PASSENGER] OCCUPANT PROTECTION

13 SECTION 2. SECTION 4581(A)(1), (1.1) AND (2)(I) OF TITLE 75
14 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

15 § 4581. Restraint systems.

16 (a) Occupant protection.--

17 (1) [Any] (i) Except as provided under subparagraph

1 (ii), any person who is operating a passenger car, Class
2 I truck, Class II truck, classic motor vehicle, antique
3 motor vehicle or motor home and who transports a child
4 under four years of age anywhere in the motor vehicle,
5 including the cargo area, shall fasten such child
6 securely in a child passenger restraint system, as
7 [defined] provided in subsection (d).

8 (ii) Any person who is operating a passenger car,
9 Class I truck, Class II truck, classic motor vehicle,
10 antique motor vehicle or motor home and who transports a
11 child under ~~one year~~ TWO YEARS of age anywhere in the <--
12 motor vehicle shall fasten such child securely in a rear-
13 facing child passenger restraint system, TO BE USED UNTIL <--
14 THE CHILD OUTGROWS THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT AND HEIGHT LIMITS
15 DESIGNATED BY THE MANUFACTURER, as provided in subsection
16 (d).

17 (iii) This [subsection] paragraph shall apply to all
18 persons while they are operators of motor vehicles where
19 a seating position is available which is equipped with a
20 seat safety belt or other means to secure the systems or
21 where the seating position was originally equipped with
22 seat safety belts.

23 (1.1) Any person who is operating a passenger car, Class
24 I truck, Class II truck, classic motor vehicle, antique motor
25 vehicle or motor home and who transports a child four years
26 of age or older but under eight years of age anywhere in the
27 motor vehicle, including the cargo area, shall fasten such
28 child securely in a fastened safety seat belt system and in
29 an appropriately fitting child booster seat, as [defined]
30 provided in subsection (d). This paragraph shall apply to all

1 persons while they are operators of motor vehicles where a
2 seating position is available which is equipped with a seat
3 safety belt or other means to secure the systems or where the
4 seating position was originally equipped with seat safety
5 belts.

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7 (2) (I) THE DRIVER OF A PASSENGER CAR, CLASS I TRUCK, <--
8 CLASS II TRUCK OR MOTOR HOME OPERATED IN THIS
9 COMMONWEALTH [SHALL SECURE OR CAUSE TO BE SECURED IN A
10 PROPERLY ADJUSTED AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT SYSTEM ON
11 THE DRIVER, IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND EVERY VEHICLE
12 OCCUPANT EIGHT YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER 18 YEARS
13 OF AGE.] SHALL:

14 (A) IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, BE SECURED IN A
15 PROPERLY ADJUSTED AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT
16 SYSTEM; AND

17 (B) SECURE OR CAUSE TO BE SECURED IN A PROPERLY
18 ADJUSTED AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT EVERY VEHICLE
19 OCCUPANT EIGHT YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER 18
20 YEARS OF AGE.

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22 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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