



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

PRINTER'S NO. 3051

PRIME SPONSOR: McAndrew

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: HB 478 PN 3051 extends requirements for child safety restraint systems to all trucks and truck tractors. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 75 (Vehicles) Section 4581 (related to restraint systems) to provide for child safety restraint systems in all truck classifications. Provisions of the bill include:

- A child under *four years of age* being transported by a driver of a truck or truck tractor, must be fastened securely in a child passenger restraint system;
- A child under *two years of age* being transported by a driver of a truck or truck tractor, must be fastened securely in a rear-facing child restraint system;
- A child between *four to eight years of age* being transported by a driver of a truck or truck tractor must be fastened securely in a safety seat belt system and in an appropriately fitting booster seat;
- Driver of a truck or truck tractor must, if under 18 years of age, be secured in a safety seat belt system
 - Furthermore, secure every occupant *eight years of age or older but under 18 years of age* in a safety seat belt system;
- Each driver and front seat occupant of a truck or truck tractor must wear a seat belt, except:
 - In vehicles manufactured prior to July 1, 1966;
 - In possession of a doctor's note which indicates that they are unable to wear a seat belt;
 - A rural letter carrier while in the performance of duties;
 - A driver who makes frequent stops and is travelling less than 15 mph in the performance of duties;

Additionally, language clarifies that the requirement of the legislation applies to a seating position that is equipped by the original manufacturer to install child passenger restraint system, rear-facing child passenger restraint system, or child booster seat.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds, as the bill simply expands child safety restraint system requirements.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.