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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 28, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, requiring vehicle rental agencies to offer optional  
3 child passenger restraint systems to all customers; and  
4 providing for the purchase of child passenger restraint  
5 systems.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 4581 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

10 § 4581. Restraint systems.

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12 (i) Vehicle rental agencies.--Each automobile and light  
13 truck rental agency shall offer optional child passenger  
14 restraint systems to every customer. Agency rental forms will  
15 include a check-off which will permit a customer to refuse the  
16 optional child passenger restraint system. The failure of any  
17 automobile or light truck rental agency to comply with the  
18 provisions of this subsection is a summary offense, and the

1 penalty provisions of subsection (b) shall apply.

2 Section 2. Section 4582 of Title 75 is amended to read:

3 § 4582. Child Passenger Restraint Fund.

4 A Child Passenger Restraint Fund is established in the  
5 General Fund as a special restricted receipts account hereby  
6 earmarked for and appropriated to the department. This fund  
7 shall consist of all fines deposited pursuant to section 4581(b)  
8 (relating to restraint systems), all Federal funds granted for  
9 said use and any moneys donated into the fund. All such funds  
10 shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing Federally  
11 approved child restraint seats and making such seats available  
12 to qualified loaner programs within the Commonwealth. A  
13 qualified loaner program shall be one determined by the  
14 department to loan Federally approved child restraint seats to  
15 parents or legal guardians of children under four years of age  
16 who, due to financial or economic hardship, are unable to comply  
17 with the provisions of this subchapter. Any automobile or light  
18 truck rental agency may purchase approved child restraint seats  
19 from the fund, provided that the agency offers that child  
20 restraint seat to rental customers free of charge. The  
21 department shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to  
22 effectuate the purpose of this section.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.