

HOUSE BILL 693

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By: **Delegate Conway**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Seat Belts and Child Safety Seats**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision relating to the use of child safety
4 seats and seat belts for children under a certain age that is duplicative in its
5 effect; and generally relating to seat belts and child safety seats.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 22–412.2(d) and (e)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 22–412.3(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 22–412.2.

20 (d) A person transporting a child under the age of 8 years in a motor vehicle
21 shall secure the child in a child safety seat in accordance with the child safety seat and
22 vehicle manufacturers' instructions unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches tall or taller.

23 (e) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, a person may not transport a
24 child under the age of 16 years unless the child is secured in:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) A child safety seat in accordance with the child safety seat and
2 vehicle manufacturers' instructions; or

3 (2) A seat belt.

4 22-412.3.

5 (b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle unless the person [and each
6 occupant under 16 years old are] **IS** restrained by a seat belt [or a child safety seat as
7 provided in § 22-412.2 of this subtitle].

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2013.