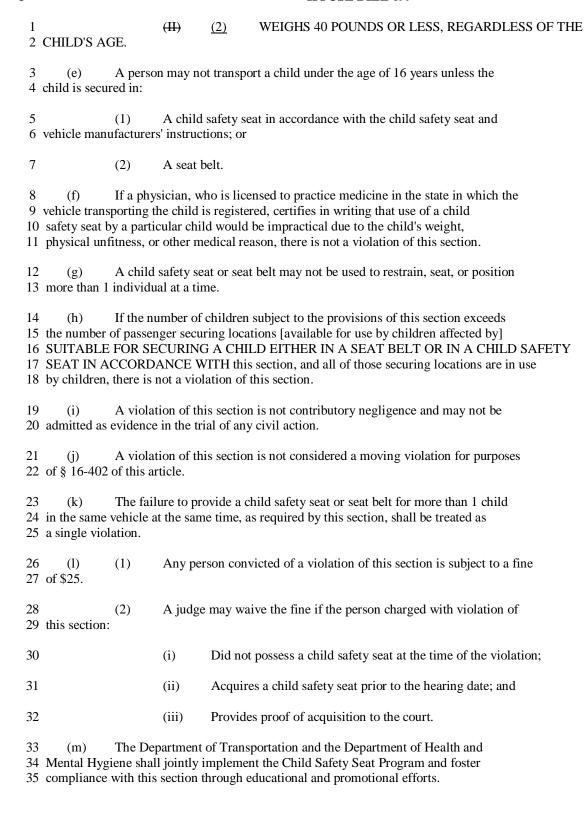
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By: Delegate Bronrott Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2002 Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted with floor amendments Read second time: March 23, 2002			
1 AN ACT concerning			
2 Vehicle Laws - Child Booster Seats			
seat"; altering the definition of "child safety seat"; altering the circumstances under which a child is required to be secured in a child safety seat when traveling in a motor vehicle registered in the State; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not apply to a person transporting a child in a motor vehicle registered in another state, in the District of Columbia, or in another country until a certain date; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to child booster seats.			
2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation Section 22-412.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)			
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
9 Article - Transportation			
20 22-412.2.			
(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.			

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			"Child safety seat" means a device, INCLUDING A CHILD nufactured in accordance with the 1981 Federal Motor s] THE MANUFACTURER:	
4 5	APPLICABLE FEDE	RAL SA	1. CERTIFIES IS MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FETY STANDARDS; AND	
6 7	who is transported in	a motor v	2. INTENDS TO BE used to restrain, seat, or position a child vehicle.	
8 9	seat belt-shoulder har	(ii) ness USE	"Child safety seat" does not mean a seat belt or combination ED ALONE.	
10 11	(3) of this subtitle.	(i)	"Seat belt" means a restraining device described under § 22-412	
12		(ii)	"Seat belt" includes a combination seat belt-shoulder harness.	
13 14	3 (b) A child safety seat meets the requirements of this section only if it is 4 installed and used in accordance with the directions of the manufacturer.			
15 16	This section applies to the transportation of a child in a vehicle registered, or of a type capable of being registered, in this State as a:			
17	(1)	Class A	(passenger) vehicle;	
18 19	Class E (truck) with a manufacturer's rated capacity of 3/4 ton or less, the gross vehicle weight of which does not exceed 7,000 pounds; or			
20	(3)	Class M	(multipurpose) vehicle.	
23	(d) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D-1) OF THIS SECTION, 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[:			
25	(1)	Is under	the age of 4 years, regardless of the child's weight; or	
26 27	(2) THE AGE OF 6 YEA		40 pounds or less, regardless of the child's age] IS <u>UNDER</u> AGE OR YOUNGER .	
28	(D-1) (1)	THIS SU	UBSECTION APPLIES ONLY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.	
31 32	A PERSON TRANSPORTING A CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE STATE, IN ANOTHER STATE, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, SHALL SECURE THE CHILD IN A CHILD SAFETY SEAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHILD SAFETY SEAT AND VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS' INSTRUCTIONS IF THE CHILD:			
34 35	CHILD'S WEIGHT;	(I) OR	(1) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 4 YEARS, REGARDLESS OF THE	

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- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 22 412.2(d 1) of the
- 2 Transportation Article, as enacted by this Act, shall remain effective for a period of 2
- 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2005, with no further action required by the
- 4 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 6 effect October 1, 2003.