

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 316

Child-restraint Requirements/Motor Vehicles by Senator Altman

Requires that a child 7 years of age or younger and less than 4 feet 9 inches in height be in a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device, appropriate for the height and weight of the child, when being transported in a motor vehicle.

Requires the device comply with the standards of the United States Department of Transportation and be secured in the motor vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Redefines the term "motor vehicle" to exclude a passenger vehicle designed to accommodate 10 or more persons from such requirements.

Provides that these provisions do not apply to a person who is transporting such a child, if the person is transporting the child in response to a declared emergency situation or an immediate emergency involving the child, or transporting a child whose medical condition necessitates an exception. (See bill for details)