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	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEG	SISLATURE
Legislativ	ve Document	No. 995
H.P. 764	House of Repre	esentatives, March 3, 1983
	Notion of Representative Carroll of Limerick insportation. Sent up for concurrence and o	
		EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented	by Representative MacBride of Presque Isla	e.
	STATE OF MAINE	
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LO NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT	
	AN ACT to Regulate the Use Restraint in Motor Vehic	
Be it e follows	enacted by the People of the S	tate of Maine as
29	MRSA §1368-B, as enacted by ealed and the following enacte	
is repe		
_	3. Use of child restraint dev	ices

2. Children one to 4 years of age. When a child one year of age or older, but less than 4 years of age, is a passenger in a motor vehicle, which is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in a seat belt or in a child safety seat that meets the requirements set out in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.

- 3. Warnings. Any person stopped for a violation of this section, during the initial 6 months after this section takes effect, shall be issued a warning that a violation of this section has occurred. After the initial 6-month period, a violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$10 is adjudged.
- 4. Failure to secure child; use as evidence. Failure to secure a child, in accordance with this section, may not be considered negligence imputable to the child, nor may that failure be admissible as evidence in any civil or criminal action.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the use of seat belts or child safety seats for children under 4 years of age who are passengers in motor vehicles equipped with seat belts.

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