

CHAPTER 245

H.B. No. 479

AN ACT

relating to use of child passenger restraints in a motor vehicle.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 107B(b) and (c), Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(b) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) ~~is a resident of this state;~~

~~[(2)]~~ transports a child younger than two years of age by operating a passenger car or light truck on a road, street, or highway of this state; and

(2) ~~[(3)]~~ does not keep the child secured during the operation of the vehicle in a child passenger safety seat system according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) ~~is a resident of this state;~~

[(2)] transports a child who is two years of age or older and under four years of age by operating a passenger car or light truck on a road, street, or highway of this state; and

(2) [(3)] does not keep the child secured during the operation of the vehicle in a child passenger safety seat system according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system or by a safety belt.

SECTION 2. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

(b) An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 13, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved May 22, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.