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REQUIRE BELTED BOOSTER SEATS FOR SOME CHILDREN

House Bills 4200 and 4210
Sponsor: Rep. Chris Kolb
Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4200 AND 4210 AS INTRODUCED 2-12-03 AND 2-13-03

House Bill 4200 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.710e) to require that a child more than 4 years of age but less than 9 years of age, and weighing at least 40 pounds but not more than 80 pounds, and a child that is not more than 4 feet 9 inches in height, be seated in a manufacturer-certified booster seat and secured by a seat belt while a passenger in a motor vehicle.

House Bill 4210 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.907) to require a court to waive any civil fine or cost against a person who received a civil infraction citation for a violation of the booster seat provision, if the person, before the appearance date on the citation, supplied the court with evidence of acquisition, purchase, or rental of a child seating system that met the requirements of the provision.

The bills are tie-barred, meaning that neither could take effect unless both were enacted into law. The bills would take effect April 1, 2004.

House Bills 4200 and 4210 (8-22-03)

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