

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/30/2017, by Sen. David Koehler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 25/6a

Amends the Child Passenger Protection Act. Provides that a technician shall discuss with a person who received a citation for a violation of the Act with the notation of "no safety seat" in the notes field, and has scheduled a child safety instructional course, the negative consequences of a motor vehicle accident with a child occurring without the child wearing a proper child restraint system. The technician may also discuss the importance of an adult wearing a safety belt and the impact it may have on the child's behavior.

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Child Passenger Protection Act is amended by
changing Section 6a as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 25/6a)

7 Sec. 6a. Child passenger safety instructional course.

(a) As used in this Section, "technician" means a person 8 9 who has successfully completed the U.S. Department of National 10 Transportation Highway Traffic Safetv Administration's (NHTSA) standardized National Child Passenger 11 12 Safety Certification Training Program and who maintains a 13 current child passenger safety technician or technician 14 instructor certification through the current certifying body for the National Child Passenger Safety Training Program as 15 16 designated by the NHTSA.

(b) A person in violation of Section 4 of this Act may 17 schedule a child safety instructional course with a technician. 18 The instructional course shall include instruction on the 19 installation of 20 a child restraint proper system. The 21 instructional course shall also include an inspection of the 22 child restraint system. At the time of scheduling, the technician shall notify the person that the instructional 23

1 course must be completed prior to the mandatory court 2 appearance date on the person's citation for a violation of 3 Section 4 of this Act.

4 (c) Prior to beginning the instructional course, the person
5 must present a copy of the citation of a violation of Section 4
6 of this Act to the technician.

7 (d) The technician shall be observant for any citations 8 with the notation "no safety seat" in the notes field and 9 discuss with the person, for the purpose of determining the 10 person's need for a child restraint system, the person's 11 reasons for not transporting the child in a child restraint 12 system. The technician shall discuss the negative consequences 13 of a motor vehicle accident with a child occurring without the 14 child wearing a proper child restraint system. The technician may also discuss the importance of an adult wearing a safety 15 16 belt and the impact it may have on the child's behavior.

(e) Upon completion of the instructional course to the satisfaction of the technician conducting the course, the technician shall issue a letter to the person for presentation in court. The letter shall:

(1) be printed on a form or in a manner required by theIllinois Department of Transportation;

(2) indicate that the person has voluntarily
 participated in the instructional course and received
 instruction from a technician regarding the proper use of
 the person's child restraint system; and

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(3) include (i) the date the instructional course was
 completed, (ii) the citation number presented to the
 technician under this Section, (iii) the county in which
 the citation was issued, and (iv) the technician's
 signature and technician number.
 (Source: P.A. 96-914, eff. 1-1-11; 97-26, eff. 1-1-12.)

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