



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1733

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Car Seat Recycling Act. Provides that manufacturers shall accept car seats for the purpose of recycling the material from the car seats. Requires manufacturers to dismantle a car seat if received intact and accept the dismantled materials from car seats. Provides that each manufacturer shall begin implementation of its recycling program within one year of the effective date of the Act. Contains requirements for the recycling program. Effective January 1, 2023.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Car  
5 Seat Recycling Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to further  
7 the interest of the State of Illinois in reducing waste and  
8 providing the public a consistent method to properly dispose  
9 of car seats. Currently, the disposal of car seats results in a  
10 significant amount of waste every year. Many components of  
11 these car seats are largely recyclable. However, it is  
12 difficult for consumers to recycle the car seats on their own.  
13 Trade-in programs are largely inactive, new regulations in  
14 China prevent many recyclers from accepting car seats, and  
15 other methods such as donation are not meeting the needs of the  
16 public. It is on manufacturers of these car seats to properly  
17 manage the disposal of their products.

18 Section 10. Definitions.

19 "Car seat" means a regulated seat that protects a child  
20 who is too small or immature to safely use the adult seat belt  
21 system in a vehicle. "Car seat" includes booster seats, child  
22 restraint systems, and other regulated devices for children

1 who have outgrown their child safety seats but are still too  
2 small to use an adult seat belt safely.

3 "Manufacturer" means a person, or a successor in interest  
4 to a person, under whose brand or label a car seat is or was  
5 sold at retail. For any car seat sold at retail under a brand  
6 or label that is licensed from a person who is a mere brand  
7 owner and who does not sell or produce a car seat, the person  
8 who produced the car seat or his or her successor in interest  
9 is the manufacturer. For any car seat sold at retail under the  
10 brand or label of both the retail seller and the person that  
11 produced the car seat, the person that produced the car seat,  
12 or his or her successor in interest, is the manufacturer.

13 "Program collection site" means a physical location that  
14 is included in a manufacturer's car seat recycling program and  
15 at which car seats are collected and prepared for transport by  
16 a collector during a program year in accordance with the  
17 requirements of this Act.

18 "Recycling program" means a program focused on the method,  
19 technique, or process designed to remove any contaminant from  
20 waste so as to render the waste reusable, or any process by  
21 which materials that would otherwise be disposed of or  
22 discarded are collected, separated, or processed and returned  
23 to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or  
24 products.

25 Section 15. Car Seat Recycling Program.

1           (a) Manufacturers shall accept car seats for the purpose  
2 of recycling the material from the car seats. A manufacturer  
3 shall dismantle a car seat if received intact. The  
4 manufacturer shall also accept the dismantled materials from  
5 car seats.

6           (b) Each manufacturer shall begin implementation of its  
7 recycling program within one year of the effective date of  
8 this Act. The recycling program:

9                 (1) shall include public education and notification  
10 programs to foster understanding and encourage use of the  
11 recycling program;

12                 (2) may require the participants to drop off car seats  
13 only at program collection sites;

14                 (3) shall provide the total number and weight of the  
15 car seats received under the program and must include the  
16 number of tons in material that manufacturers recycle in a  
17 report that must be available on an annual basis and  
18 publicly accessible; and

19                 (4) shall include provisions for (i) identifying  
20 potential markets for the recyclable materials and (ii)  
21 promoting the use of products made from recovered or  
22 recycled materials among businesses.

23           (c) In implementing the recycling program, a manufacturer  
24 may not distinguish between an individual and a business  
25 entity. Both individuals and business entities are eligible to  
26 participate in the recycling program.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
2    1, 2023.