

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 225 — Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles

by Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee and Rep. Perry (CS/CS/SB 518 by Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Flores)

The bill revises current law to allow the use of a child booster seat as an approved child restraint device for use when transporting children from four through five years of age in a motor vehicle, and removes a provision allowing a seat belt to be used in lieu of a specialized device. An exception is made to allow the use of a seat belt for children between four and five years of age when the motor vehicle operator is not a member of the child's immediate family and the child is being transported gratuitously, in the case of an emergency, or when a medical condition necessitates an exception as evidenced by appropriate documentation from a health professional.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 36-3; House 114-0