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Changes to New Jersey Child Passenger Safety Law *Hillsborough Police Department Alerts Residents of Upcoming Changes*

“Effective September 1st, there will be changes to the New Jersey Child Passenger Safety Law,” reported Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Liaison to Public Safety.

The impending changes are for any child under the age of 8 years old and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as follows in the rear seat of a motor vehicle:

- A child under the age of 2 years and 30 pounds shall be secured in a rear-facing seat equipped with a 5-point harness.
- A child under the age of 4 years and 40 pounds shall be secured as described in (a) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing seat, then in a forward-facing child restraint equipped with a 5-point harness.
- A child under the age of 8 and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as described in (a) or (b) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing or forward-facing seat, then in a belt positioning booster seat.
- A child over 8 years of age or 57 inches in height must be properly secured by a seat belt.

If there are no rear seats, the child shall be secured as described above in the front seat except that no child shall be secured in a rear-facing seat in the front seat of any vehicle that is equipped with an active passenger-side airbag. The aforementioned is acceptable if the airbag is de-activated.

“It is always our goal to keep our residents safe and aware of any safety changes to the law,” commented Hillsborough Township Police Chief Paul Kaminsky.

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