

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-8
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Page 1508, after line 13, add the following new section (and update the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 10109. CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.**

2 (a) CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM LABELING.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Transportation shall revise section 571.213 of
6 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations—

7 (A) in S5.5.2(f) by striking “13.6 kg” and
8 inserting “18.2 kg”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end of S5.5.2 the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(o) The packaging for each booster seat shall be per-
12 manently labeled with the information specified in
13 S5.5.2(g).

14 “(p) On each booster seat, and on the packaging of
15 such booster seat, there shall be placed—

16 “(1) a permanent label stating: ‘For use by
17 children [] years old or older and who are over
18 [] pounds.’, with respect to which—

1 “(A) the first bracket is replaced with the
2 minimum age recommended for a user, which
3 may not be an age younger than 4 years old;
4 and

5 “(B) the second bracket is replaced with
6 the minimum weight recommended for a user,
7 which may not be under 40 pounds; and

8 “(2) a permanent label stating: ‘Strongly rec-
9 ommended children use this seat only when they
10 reach either the height or weight limit for a child re-
11 straint system with internal harness as indicated by
12 the manufacturer.’.

13 “(q) On each child restraint system with internal har-
14 ness, and on the packaging of such child restraint system
15 with internal harness, there shall be placed a permanent
16 label stating: ‘To prevent possible injury or death, it is
17 important to delay the transition from a child restraint
18 system with internal harness to a booster seat as long as
19 possible, until the child reaches the weight or height limit
20 of the child restraint system with internal harness as indi-
21 cated by the manufacturer.’.

22 “(r) On each combination car seat, there shall be
23 placed a permanent label stating: ‘Please use this seat
24 with the internal harness as long as possible, until your
25 child outgrows the maximum weight of [__] or reaches the

1 maximum height of [__]. Once they have exceeded such
2 weight or height, this seat can be used as a belt posi-
3 tioning booster seat with the vehicle seat belt.’, with re-
4 spect to which—

5 “(1) the first bracket is replaced with the max-
6 imum weight recommended for an internal harness
7 user, which may not be under 40 pounds; and

8 “(2) the second bracket is replaced with the
9 maximum height recommended for an internal har-
10 ness user.”.

11 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The modifications to
12 section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
13 tions, under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later
14 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act.

16 (b) SIDE-IMPACT CRASH TESTING.—

17 (1) GENERAL STANDARDS.—Not later than 1
18 year after the date of the enactment of this section,
19 the Administrator shall issue regulations to establish
20 standards with respect to side-impact crash testing
21 for child restraint systems, which—

22 (A) shall include standards for booster
23 seats; and

1 (B) may include the use of the most appro-
2 priate test dummy available at the time of such
3 side-impact crash testing.

4 (2) NEAR-SIDE AND FAR-SIDE IMPACT TEST-
5 ING.—In issuing regulations under paragraph (1),
6 the Administrator shall include procedures for test-
7 ing—

8 (A) near-side impacts, in which the child
9 restraint system being tested is positioned on
10 the side of the point of impact; and

11 (B) far-side impacts, in which the child re-
12 straint system being tested is positioned on the
13 opposite side of the point of impact.

14 (3) BOOSTER SEAT TEST DEVICES.—

15 (A) DESIGN.—Not later than 18 months
16 after the date of the enactment of this section,
17 the Administrator shall issue regulations that
18 provide guidelines for a test dummy that ap-
19 proximates a 6-year-old child for the purposes
20 of side-impact crash testing.

21 (B) USE.—Not later than 18 months after
22 the date on which the Administrator issues reg-
23 ulations under subparagraph (A), the Adminis-
24 trator shall require that side-impact crash test-
25 ing for booster seats (for both near-side and

1 far-side impacts) includes the use of a test
2 dummy that meets the guidelines provided
3 under subparagraph (A).

4 (c) TETHER SYSTEMS STUDY.—Not later than 1 year
5 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Admin-
6 istrator shall provide to Congress a study of the
7 functionality of tether systems and the variability that ex-
8 ists in tether use recommendations by car seat and vehicle
9 manufacturers, with recommendations on how such tether
10 systems may be used or modified to increase the usage
11 of child restraint systems with internal harness to maxi-
12 mize child safety.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
15 trator” means the Administrator of the National
16 Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

17 (2) BOOSTER SEAT.—The term “booster seat”
18 has the meaning given such term in section 571.213
19 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect
20 on the date of the enactment of this section).

21 (3) CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM.—The term
22 “child restraint system” has the meaning given such
23 term in section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal
24 Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enact-
25 ment of this section).

1 (4) CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM WITH INTERNAL
2 HARNESS.—The term “child restraint system with
3 internal harness” means a child restraint system de-
4 signed to be used rear-facing or forward-facing em-
5 ploying a 5-point harness to position the child in the
6 seat.

7 (5) COMBINATION CAR SEAT.—The term “com-
8 bination car seat”—

9 (A) means any child restraint system de-
10 signed to be used in a forward-facing position
11 with a 5-point internal harness, where the har-
12 ness may be removed and the seat utilized as
13 a belt-positioning booster seat; and

14 (B) includes a child restraint system that
15 may be—

16 (i) converted between rear-facing with
17 an internal harness and forward-facing
18 with an internal harness; and

19 (ii) commonly referred to as “3-in-1”
20 or “all-in-1” seats.

21 (6) TEST DUMMY.—The term “test dummy”
22 means an anthropomorphic test dummy as such
23 term is used in section 571.213 of title 49, Code of
24 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the
25 enactment of this section).

1 (7) TETHER SYSTEM.—The term “tether sys-
2 tem” means a system utilizing a tether anchorage,
3 tether strap, and tether hook (as such terms are de-
4 fined in section 571.225 of title 49, Code of Federal
5 Regulations).

