

## HR 5504

### Anton's Law

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Oct 1, 2002

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 107-318.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 107-318. (Dec 4, 2002)

**Law:** 107-318 (Enacted Dec 4, 2002)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Oct 1, 2002
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Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 1, 2002
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Oct 1, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 8, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5381	Related bill	Sep 23, 2002: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
107 S 980	Related bill	Mar 5, 2002: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

## **Summary** (as of Nov 15, 2002)

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Anton's Law - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a rulemaking proceeding to establish performance requirements for child restraints, including booster seats, for children weighing more than 50 pounds. Requires the Secretary to: (1) consider whether to include injury performance criteria for child restraints under the requirements, establish performance requirements for seat belt fit when used with booster seats and other belt guidance devices, and address situations where children weighing more than 50 pounds only have access to seating positions with lap belts; and (2) review the definition of the term "booster seat" in Federal motor vehicle safety standard No. 213 to determine if it is sufficiently comprehensive.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary to develop, evaluate, and initiate a rulemaking proceeding to adopt an anthropomorphic test device that simulates a ten-year old child for use in testing child restraints used in passenger motor vehicles.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary to complete a rulemaking proceeding to amend Federal motor vehicle safety standard No. 208 relating to occupant crash protection in order to require a lap and shoulder belt assembly for each rear designated seating position in a passenger motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less (except that if the Secretary determines that installation of a lap and shoulder belt is not practicable for a particular designated seating position in a particular type of passenger motor vehicle, the Secretary may exclude the designated seating position from the requirement). Requires such requirement to be implemented in phases beginning with the production year that begins not later than 12 months after the end of the year in which the regulations are prescribed. Requires the final rule to apply to all passenger motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less that are manufactured in the third production year of the implementation phase-in under the schedule.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Secretary to initiate an evaluation of integrated or built-in child restraints and booster seats covering: (1) safety and correctness of fit; (2) the availability of testing data on the system and vehicle; (3) compatibility with different makes and models; (4) the cost-effectiveness of mass production for consumers; (5) ease of use and relative availability; and (6) the benefits of built-in seats for improving compliance with State child occupant restraint laws. Requires the Secretary to report on this evaluation to specified congressional committees.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations to the Secretary for the evaluation and for research of the nature and causes of injury to children involved in motor vehicle crashes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 4, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 4, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-318.
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- **Nov 26, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 19, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 18, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11342)
- **Nov 18, 2002:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11342)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Mr. Armey asked unanimous consent discharge the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR 11/14/2002 H8925-9007)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR 11/14/2002 H8941)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR 11/14/2002 H8941)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Oct 7, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-726.
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- **Oct 7, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 454.
- **Oct 2, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 2, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.