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# S 980

Anton's Law

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: May 26, 2001

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. (Mar 5, 2002)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL]

Party: Republican • State: IL • Chamber: Senate

#### **Cosponsors** (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	$D \cdot ND$		May 26, 2001
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	$R \cdot AZ$		Jul 26, 2001
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Sep 5, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 5, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Sep 5, 2001
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 25, 2001
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		Nov 9, 2001
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Nov 9, 2001
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D·IL		Nov 9, 2001

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 14, 2002
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 26, 2002

### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Transportation and Public Works

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5504	Related bill	Dec 4, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-318.
107 HR 691	Related bill	<b>Jun 28, 2001:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Anton's Law - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to establish certain performance requirements for child restraints, including booster seats, for the restraint of children weighing more than 50 pounds. (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to report to specified congressional committees on the current schedule and status of Department of Transportation activities to develop, evaluate, and certify a commercially available dummy that simulates a ten-year old child for use in testing the effectiveness of child restraints used in passenger motor vehicles.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary to complete a rulemaking proceeding to amend certain Code of Federal Regulations motor vehicle safety standards relating to occupant crash protection in order to: (1) 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 assembly is not practicable for a particular designated seating position in a particular type of passenger motor vehicle, then the Secretary may exclude the designated seating position from the requirement); and (2) apply such requirement to passenger motor vehicles in a certain phase-in schedule. Requires the Secretary to report to specified congressional committees if installation of a lap and shoulder belt assembly is not practicable for a particular designated seating position in a particular type of motor vehicle.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to extend the child passenger protection education grants program for a two-year period.

(Sec. 6) Amends Federal highway law to direct the Secretary to: (1) establish appropriate criteria applicable to child restraint laws for purposes of eligibility for grants on improving child passenger safety programs for children under the age of 16 years; and (2) make such grants to each State and Indian tribe that has a child restraint law in effect as of September 30, 2004. Sets forth certain grant requirements.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Mar 5, 2002: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Feb 26, 2002: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Feb 26, 2002: Received in the House.
- Feb 26, 2002: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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- Feb 25, 2002: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S986-987; text as passed Senate: CR S986-987)
- Feb 25, 2002: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S986-987; text as passed Senate: CR S986-987)
- Feb 14, 2002: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-137.
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- Feb 14, 2002: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 317.
- Aug 2, 2001: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- May 26, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- May 26, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5800-5801)
- May 26, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5801)