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As Amended in the Committee on Transportation and Transit Policy Subcommittee

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to traffic regulations; requiring passenger restraint for children under
 1.3 the age of eight in motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
 1.4 169.685, subdivision 5.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.685, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Violation; petty misdemeanor.** (a) Every motor vehicle operator, when
 1.8 transporting a child under the age of ~~four~~ eight on the streets and highways of this state
 1.9 in a motor vehicle equipped with factory-installed seat belts, shall equip and install for
 1.10 use in the motor vehicle, according to the manufacturer's instructions, a child passenger
 1.11 restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

1.12 (b) No motor vehicle operator who is operating a motor vehicle on the streets and
 1.13 highways of this state may transport a child under the age of ~~four~~ eight in a seat of a motor
 1.14 vehicle equipped with a factory-installed seat belt, unless the child is properly fastened
 1.15 in the child passenger restraint system. Any motor vehicle operator who violates this
 1.16 subdivision is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and may be sentenced to pay a fine of not
 1.17 more than \$50. The fine ~~may~~ must be waived ~~or the amount reduced~~ if the motor vehicle
 1.18 operator produces evidence that within 14 days after the date of the violation a child
 1.19 passenger restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards was purchased
 1.20 or obtained for the exclusive use of the operator.

1.21 (c) The fines collected for violations of this subdivision must be deposited in the
 1.22 state treasury and credited to a special account to be known as the Minnesota child
 1.23 passenger restraint and education account.