

# **CHILD SAFETY SEATS SAVE LIVES**

## **PLEASE SUPPORT:**

**SB 1404- by Senator Altman  
HB 357 by Representative Steinberg**

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Motor vehicle accidents claim the lives of more Florida children over the age of 4 than any other causes and are a leading cause of injury, hospitalization and disability in children of all age groups. Many of the injuries are preventable if children are appropriately restrained, but Florida law only requires children through age 3 to have age appropriate restraints.

Research has shown that children age 4-7 years old using booster seats have significantly better outcomes in motor vehicle accidents than children in adult seat belts.

This legislation requires a child aged 4-7 years old to be in an age appropriate child restraint system while riding in a passenger car.

- ❖ **CHILDREN IN BOOSTER SEATS ARE 59% LESS LIKELY TO BE INJURED THAN CHILDREN USING SEATBELTS ALONE (JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 2003)**
- ❖ **CHILDREN IN SEATBELTS ALONE ARE:**
  - 4 to 5 times more likely to sustain head injuries (Pediatrics, 2002)
  - 3 times more likely to sustain abdominal injuries (annals of Surgery, 2004)
  - 28% more likely to die (The Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, 2006)

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUES OF FLORIDA URGE YOU TO  
SUPPORT:  
SB 1404 AND HB 357**

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