

TRAFFIC LAWS

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NEW BOOSTER SEAT
HEIGHT REQUIREMENT
57"

CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

AB118 from Nevada's 81st Legislative Session

CHANGES TO LAW EFFECTIVE 01/01/2022

CHANGES TO THE CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS LAW

AB118 revised provisions relating to the transportation of children in motor vehicles.

- Children **less than 57 inches in height** are now required to be secured in a Child Restraint System (CRS)
 - Previously the law stated children less than or equal to 60 pounds and under 6 years of age must ride in a CRS.
- Children **under 2 years old** must be protected in a rear-facing CRS in the backseat of a vehicle.

PUNISHMENTS FOR VIOLATIONS

- **First offense:**
 - \$100 - \$500 fine or
 - 10 - 50 hours of community service
- **Second offense:**
 - \$500 - \$1000 fine or
 - 50 - 100 hours of community service
- **Third+ offense:**
 - 30 - 180 day suspension of drivers license

EASING THE CONSEQUENCES

Violators will be provided with a list of state-approved programs for training and/or performing CRS inspections and their fees (if applicable). Satisfactory completion of programs may reduce first and second violation penalties:

- **First offense:** punishment will be revoked
- **Second offense:** the fine or community service will be reduced by half. However, if the violator received a waiver on their first violation, they are ineligible for a second violation waiver.

For more Nevada CRS resources check out <https://ots.nv.gov/Programs/OccupantProtection/>

EXCEPTIONS

- Children under 2 years may ride in a rear-facing CRS in the **front row** passenger seat **only if** the passenger side front seat air bags are deactivated **and** one of the following are true:
 - child is transported in a vehicle with no back seats
 - all back seats are in use by other children under 2 years of age
- When a child is transported via public transportation (e.g. buses, taxis)
- With a signed physician's form stating that the child does not need to be in a CRS for specific health reason(s)

Sources:
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7439/Overview>

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