

There is a new law effective September 1, 2009, that is listed below regarding child passenger safety seats:

TRC § 545.412. Child Passenger Safety Seat Systems; Offense.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person operates a passenger vehicle, transports a child who is younger than eight years of age, unless the child is taller than four feet, nine inches, and does not keep the child secured during the operation of the vehicle in a child passenger safety seat system according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system.

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$25 for the first offense and not more than \$250 for a second or subsequent offense.

Tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date. However, the old law remains in effect until then and requires children younger than five and less than 36 inches in height be in a child safety seat—and tickets can still be issued for this violation.