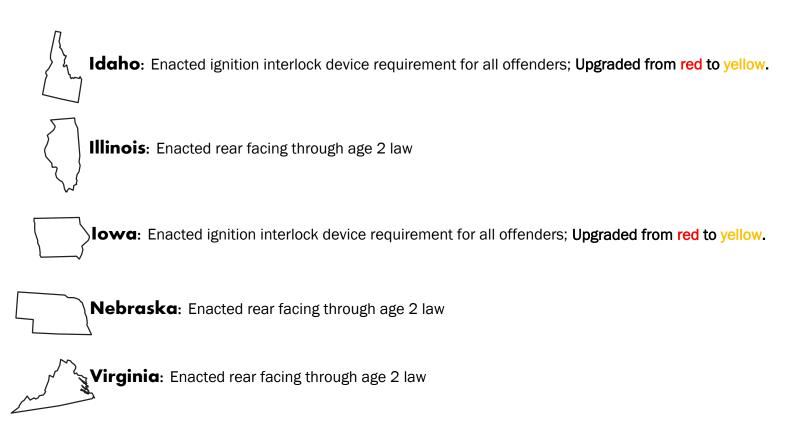


Legislative Activity in 2018

In 2018, 5 laws were passed that meet the criteria for the laws included in the Roadmap Report.

While other legislative activity occurred throughout the states, only those laws that meet the optimal law criteria are included below. Laws that do not meet the optimal law criteria, including laws subject only to secondary enforcement, are not included.



States are failing to close important safety gaps because they have not adopted the lifesaving safety laws listed below. While a number of highway safety laws have been enacted during the last few years, many laws considered to be fundamental to highway safety are still missing in many states.

Based on Advocates' safety recommendations, states need to adopt 406 laws:

- 16 states need an optimal primary enforcement seat belt law for front seat passengers;
- 31 states need an optimal primary enforcement seat belt law for rear seat passengers;
- 31 states need an optimal all-rider motorcycle helmet law;
- 38 states and DC need a rear facing through age 2 law;
- 35 states and DC need an optimal booster seat law;
- 192 GDL laws need to be adopted to ensure the safety of novice drivers, no state meets all the criteria recommended in this report;
- 33 critical impaired driving laws are needed in 30 states;
- 7 states need an optimal all-driver text messaging restriction; and,
- 20 states and DC need a GDL cell phone restriction.