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AK H 15 **Ban Cell Phone Use By Minors When Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Finance Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/20/2009*
Author: Gardner (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to prohibiting the use of cellular telephones by minors when driving a motor vehicle, provides for an effective date.
History: [Click for History](#)

AK H 88 **Televisions and Monitors in Motor Vehicles**
2008 **Status:** Enacted - Chapter No. 99
Date of Last Action: 06/16/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Gruenberg (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Provides that a person commits the crime of driving with a screen device operating if the vehicle being driven has a television, video monitor, portable computer, or similar device that is providing a visual display that is in full view of the driver in a normal driving position while the vehicle is in motion, provides specified exemptions, including portable cellular telephones, personal data assistants and navigation or global positioning devices.
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Alabama

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AL H 17 **Motor Vehicles and Minors**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE
Date of Last Action: 02/05/2008*
Author: McClendon (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to the operation of motor vehicles by persons 17 years of age or younger, prohibits such persons from operating a motor vehicle on a public street, road, or highway while also communicating on a cell or wireless phone or wireless communication device, provides for progressive fines for first and successive violations, provides for no court costs, provides that a violation or contributory negligence would not affect insurance liability and would not be reported to an insurance company.
History: [Click for History](#)

AL H 157 **Motor Vehicle Operation**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee
Date of Last Action: 02/19/2009*
Author: McClendon (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to the operation of motor vehicles, prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle on a public street, road, or highway while also text messaging on a cell or wireless telephone or wireless communication device, provides penalties, provides exceptions.
History: [Click for History](#)

AL H 158 **Cellular Telephone Usage**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE
Date of Last Action: 02/03/2009*
Author: McClendon (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to cellular telephone usage, makes it a violation to drive a motor vehicle while using

a cellular telephone unless that telephone is designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking operation, provides exceptions, provides penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)

AL S 369

Motor Vehicles

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - SENATE

Date of Last Action: 02/12/2009*

Author: Waggoner (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to the operation of motor vehicles, prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle on a public street, road, or highway while also text messaging on a cell or wireless telephone or wireless communication device, provides penalties, provides exceptions.

History: [Click for History](#)

Arkansas

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AR S 28

Cellular Phones and Driving

2009

Status: Enacted - Act No. 247

Date of Last Action: 02/26/2009 - Enacted*

Author: Hendren (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Prohibits a driver under eighteen years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone device.

History: [Click for History](#)

AR S 31

Hands Free Cellular Devices

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation, Technology & Legislative Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/29/2009*

Author: Hendren (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires a driver of a motor vehicle to use a hands-free cellular telephone device while driving on a public highway.

History: [Click for History](#)

AR S 309

Safety of Roads and Highways

2009

Status: Enacted - Act No. 394

Date of Last Action: 03/13/2009 - Enacted*

Author: Jeffress J (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Addresses issues related to the licensing of youthful drivers, to amend the law regarding restricted driver's licenses, learner's licenses, and intermediate licenses. A driver with a learner's license shall not use a cellular telephone device or other interactive wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

AR S 951

Wireless Devices and Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation, Technology & Legislative Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/09/2009*

Author: Hendren (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Concerns the Fewer Distractions Mean Safer Driving Act, prohibits drivers who are eighteen years of age or older from using handheld wireless telephones, allows drivers who are eighteen years of age or older to use hands-free wireless telephones or devices.

History: [Click for History](#)

AR H 1013

Cellular Phones and Motor Vehicles

2009

Status: Enacted - Act No. 181

Date of Last Action: 02/18/2009 - Enacted*

Author: Kidd (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Establishes Paul's Law, prohibits the drivers of motor vehicles from using hand held cellular telephones to engage in text messaging.

History: [Click for History](#)

Arizona

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AZ H 2191

Cellular Telephone Use While Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/15/2009*

Author: Farley (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: A person who operates a motor vehicle on a highway shall not use a cellular telephone to engage in a call while the motor vehicle is in motion unless the cellular telephone is equipped with a hands-free device.

History: [Click for History](#)

AZ H 2396

Text Messaging While Driving

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/17/2008*

Author: Farley (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits text messaging while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

AZ H 2397

Cellular Telephones

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/17/2008*

Author: Farley (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Concerns cellular telephones, relates to use while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

AZ H 2398

Cellular Telephones

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/17/2008*

Author: Farley (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Concerns cellular telephones, relates to class G licensees.

History: [Click for History](#)

AZ H 2414

Cell Phone Use

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/17/2008*

Author: Garcia (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Concerns use of cellular phones while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

AZ H 2734

Distracted Driving

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2008*

Author: Tobin (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Concerns distracted driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

California

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CA S 28

Motor Vehicles: Wireless Communications Device

2008

Status: Enacted - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 270

Date of Last Action: 09/24/2008 - Enacted*

Author: Simitian (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. Provides an exception. Provides that a violation point is not given for the violation. Imposes a base fine for the first offense and an increased fine for each subsequent offense.

History: [Click for History](#)

CA A 1492

Vehicles: Wireless Telephones and Communication Devices

2009

Status: Pending - Assembly Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 04/22/2009*

Author: Lowenthal B (D) **Additional Authors:** Lieu (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits a person from using a wireless telephone or other communication device during a vehicle stop made by a law enforcement officer for a violation of the Vehicle Code. Exempts a person using a wireless telephone or other communication device for emergency purposes or to record, tape, or otherwise film anything that occurs during a traffic stop.

History: [Click for History](#)

CA A 2233

Vehicles: Transportation of Animals

2008

Status: Vetoed - Vetoed

Date of Last Action: 09/27/2008 - Vetoed*

Author: Maze (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while holding a live animal in his or her arm or arms, or upon his or her lap.

History: [Click for History](#)

Colorado

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CO H 1094

Cell Phone Prohibitions For Drivers

2009

Status: Enacted - Session Law Chaptered. Chapter No. 375

Date of Last Action: 06/01/2009 - Enacted*

Author: Levy (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving| School Bus Safety

Summary: A under eighteen years of age shall not use wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. A person eighteen years of age or older shall not use a wireless telephone for the purpose of engaging in text messaging or other similar forms of manual data entry or transmission while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

Connecticut

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CT S 90

Traffic Safety

2008

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 02/13/2008*

Author: Meyer (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Concerns the prohibition of cell phone use while driving in a school zone, improves traffic safety and security in areas near schools.**History:** [Click for History](#)

CT H 5123

Penalty For Using a Cellular Telephone While Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Died**Date of Last Action:** 01/15/2009***Author:** Green (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Increases the penalty for using a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle, increases the fine for operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone or a mobile electronic device and to require that a portion of that fine be remitted to the town where the violation occurred.**History:** [Click for History](#)

CT H 6410

Mobile Telephones in the Military

2009

Status: Enacted - Public Act No. 54**Date of Last Action:** 05/21/2009 - Enacted***Author:** Joint Select Cmt on Veterans' Affairs**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Concerns the use of hand-held mobile telephones by members of the armed forces while operating a motor vehicle, allows a member of the armed forces to use a hand-held mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle in performance of official duties or while operating a military vehicle.**History:** [Click for History](#)**Delaware**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

DE H 40

Rules Of The Road

2009

Status: Pending - SENATE**Date of Last Action:** 05/14/2009***Author:** Miro (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Enhances driving safety by establishing distracted driving standards and allowing mobile telephones to be used while operating a moving motor vehicle only when equipped with built-in speakers or a hands-free accessory, to prohibit placing or receiving text messages, sending or receiving e-mails on mobile telephones or other electronic devices, to require the State Police Department to include on motor vehicle accident reports information about the use of mobile telephones or other distractions by drivers.**History:** [Click for History](#)

DE H 291

Rules Of The Road

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE**Date of Last Action:** 01/17/2008***Author:** Hudson (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Creates restrictions on the operation of a motor vehicle while using a mobile telecommunications device to view or send text messages, pictures or emails.**History:** [Click for History](#)**Florida**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

FL S 172

Cellular Telephone Use

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Wilson (D) **Additional Authors:** Dockery (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 261 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 212 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare;FL H 345 - Identical

Summary: Relates to Heather's law and cellular telephone use, prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle except when using a headset or hands-free device, provides exemptions, provides a penalty, provides for enforcement only as a secondary offense.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 175

Cellular Telephones Use in a Motor Vehicle

2008

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Brise (D) **Additional Authors:** Brandenburg (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 357 - Compare;FL S 1266 - Compare;FL S 1314 - Compare;FL S 266 - Identical

Summary: Relates to cellular telephone use in a motor vehicle, Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while dialing, sending a call, texting, listening, or speaking while operating a motor vehicle without using a headset or hands-free device. Exempts the use for safety or by law enforcement if approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 193

Motor Vehicle Wireless Communications Devices

2008

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Legg (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL S 504 - Identical

Summary: Relates to motor vehicle wireless communications devices, prohibits a person who has not attained 18 years of age from using an electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle, provides that this offense must be a secondary action when a driver has been detained for a violation of another noncriminal traffic infraction. Provides that the driver shall receive a one point assessment against their driver's license.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 212

Electronic Wireless Communications and Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Baker (R) **Additional Authors:** Oelrich (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 345 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 172 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1612 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare;FL H 261 - Similar

Summary: Relates to electronic wireless communications and driving, prohibits certain persons from using an electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle, provides for enforcement and penalties, provides for a point assessment against the driver's license.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 261

Electronic Wireless Communications Use and Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Legg (R) **Additional Authors:** Nehr (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 345 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 172 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1612 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare;FL S 212 - Similar

Summary: Relates to electronic wireless communications use and driving, prohibits person under 18 years of age from using electronic wireless communications device while operating motor vehicle, except under certain circumstances, provides for enforcement as secondary action,

provides for punishment as moving violation, including one point assessment against driver's license.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 266

Cellular Telephones

2008

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Wilson (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 357 - Compare;FL S 1266 - Compare;FL S 1314 - Compare;FL H 175 - Identical

Summary: Relates to cellular telephones, prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle except when using a headset or hands-free device.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 345

Use of Cellular Telephones

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Roberson Y (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 261 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 212 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare;FL S 172 - Identical

Summary: Relates to use of cellular telephones, designates act as Heather's Law, prohibits use of cellular telephone while operating motor vehicle except when using headset or hands-free device, provides for enforcement only as secondary offense.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 357

Electronic Wireless Communications Device

2008

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Holder (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 175 - Compare;FL S 266 - Compare;FL S 1266 - Identical;FL S 1314 - Similar

Summary: Relates to electronic wireless communications device, prohibits the operation of a moving motor vehicle while reading, manually writing or typing, or sending a message on an electronic wireless communications device.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 377

Electronic Wireless Communications Devices and Use

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Holder (R) **Additional Authors:** Chestnut (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 261 - Compare;FL H 345 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 172 - Compare;FL S 212 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare

Summary: Relates to use of electronic wireless communications devices, prohibits operation of moving motor vehicle while reading, manually writing or typing, or sending message on electronic wireless communications device.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 504

Motor Vehicle Electronic Wireless Communications

2008

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Baker (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 193 - Identical

Summary: Relates to prohibited use of headsets, headphones, or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle, prohibits a person who under 18 years of age from using an electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle, provides that this offense must be a secondary action when a driver has been detained for a violation of another noncriminal traffic infraction, provide point assessment against ones driver's

license, provides exceptions.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 680 **Cellular Telephone Use**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Bullard (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to cellular telephone use, prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 1127 **Electronic Wireless Device While Driving**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Ambler (R) **Additional Authors:** Legg (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Associated Bills: FL H 261 - Compare;FL H 345 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 172 - Compare;FL S 212 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1612 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare

Summary: Relates to electronic wireless device while driving, provides for enhanced penalties for moving and nonmoving violations committed by persons under 18 years of age while using electronic wireless telecommunications device, authorizes traffic enforcement officer to issue warning and provide educational material.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 1266 **Electronic Wireless Communications Devices**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Bennett (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 175 - Compare;FL S 266 - Compare;FL H 357 - Identical;FL S 1314 - Similar

Summary: Relates to electronic wireless communications devices and driving, prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while reading, manually writing or typing, or sending a message on an electronic wireless communications device. Provides that this provision does not apply to a person operating an emergency vehicle or using the device to report illegal activity, summon medical or other emergency help, or to prevent injury to a person or property.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL H 1305 **Certain Prohibited Activities in Motor Vehicles**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Taylor D (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 261 - Compare;FL H 345 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL S 172 - Compare;FL S 212 - Compare;FL S 1578 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Identical

Summary: Relates to certain prohibited activities in motor vehicles, prohibits reading, writing, or use of wireless communications devices while operating motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 1314 **Motor Vehicles Wireless Communications Devices**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*

Author: Deutch (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: FL H 175 - Compare;FL S 266 - Compare;FL H 357 - Similar;FL S 1266 - Similar

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles wireless communications devices, prohibits reading, writing, or the use of wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 1578 **Texting While Operating a Motor Vehicle**
 2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Died
Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*
Author: Baker (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: FL H 261 - Compare;FL H 345 - Compare;FL H 377 - Compare;FL H 1127 - Compare;FL H 1305 - Compare;FL S 172 - Compare;FL S 212 - Compare;FL S 1990 - Compare
Summary: Relates to texting while operating a motor vehicle, prohibits writing, sending, or receiving a text message on an electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle, provides for enforcement, provides exceptions and penalties.
History: [Click for History](#)

FL S 2042 **Learner's Driver's Licenses**
 2008 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*
Author: Posey (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to learner's driver's licenses, prohibits a motor vehicle operator who holds a learner's driver's license from using a mobile telephone or personal communication device while operating a vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

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GA H 19 **Motor Vehicles and Traffic**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Motor Vehicles Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/12/2009*
Author: Oliver (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to add a points penalty for the use of cellular, hands-free, or mobile telephones or other wireless communication devices under certain circumstances, changes certain provisions related to exercising due care in operating a motor vehicle and the proper use of radios and mobile telephones, provides for definitions, provides for a penalty.
History: [Click for History](#)

GA H 21 **Driver Licenses**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Motor Vehicles Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/12/2009*
Author: Oliver (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to driver licenses, so as to prohibit the use of cellular, hands-free, or mobile telephones by holders of instruction permits and Class D licenses, adds a points penalty for the unlawful use of cellular, hands-free, or mobile telephones by holders of instruction permits and Class D licenses.
History: [Click for History](#)

GA H 23 **Motor Vehicles**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - SENATE
Date of Last Action: 03/26/2009*
Author: Ramsey M (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving| Driver's Licensing
Summary: Relates to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to change certain provisions relating to suspension or revocation of the licenses of habitually negligent or dangerous drivers and the point system, changes certain provisions relating to driver exercise of due care, prohibits use of cell phones by persons under 18 years of age while operating a motor vehicle, prohibits the practice of text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

GA SR 654 **Cellular Telephones in Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - HOUSE
 Date of Last Action: 03/23/2009*
 Author: Tate (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Creates the Senate Study Committee on Legislative Solutions for the Safe Use of Cellular Telephones In Motor Vehicles.
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HI S 13 **Cellular Telephones Use in Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/21/2009*
 Author: Taniguchi (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits drivers from using cellular telephones while operating a motor vehicle unless it is a hands-free device or for emergency use, prohibits drivers from writing, sending, or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 14 **Omnibus Traffic Safety Bill**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/21/2009*
 Author: Marumoto (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Bans minors from using ATV's, provides a ban on riding in truck beds, creates a mandatory helmet law for all two-wheeled vehicles and ATV's, mandates video screens be behind driver, prohibits cell phone operation except for hands free, prohibits the use of electronic wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle, prohibits text messaging, gaming, and e-mailing while operating a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 18 **Video Monitor Safety**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/21/2009*
 Author: Marumoto (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle when an LCD panel or video monitor is located forward of the back of the driver's seat, sets forth exceptions, including vehicle operation, observation, or navigation.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 225 **Mobile Phones and Safety**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/22/2009*
 Author: Hanohano (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of a mobile telephone while driving unless equipped with a hands-free accessory and being used in the hands-free mode, exempts mobile radios, prohibits transit drivers from using cellular phones whenever their vehicle is in motion.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI S 250 **Statewide Traffic Code and Text Messaging/Emailing**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/23/2009*

Author: Gabbard (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits text messaging or e-mailing using electronic wireless communication device while driving, provides that a violation occurs only if the driver is involved in an accident.

History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 502

Highway and Safety

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/23/2009*

Author: Finnegan (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Prohibits driving minors from engaging in secondary tasks that distract from driving such as the use of all cell phones or other electronic devices, consuming food or beverages, engaging in personal grooming, or reaching for any object while operating a motor vehicle under either a temporary instruction permit or a provisional license.

History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 1158

Highway Safety

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/26/2009*

Author: Say (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Associated Bills: HI S 976 - Companion

Summary: A provisional licensee who is under the age of eighteen shall not operate a motor vehicle while engaging in various tasks not associated with operating a motor vehicle such as, (1) using a wireless telephone, even if equipped with a hands-free device, or any other electronic devices such as, but not limited to, portable video games, portable DVD players, text messengers, Palms, Treos, or Blackberries, (2) consuming food or beverages, (3) engaging in personal grooming (i.e., applying makeup, brushing teeth or shaving), or (4) attempting to reach for any other object or device.

History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 1987

Motor Vehicle Licensing

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/16/2008*

Author: Evans (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits young drivers from using a telephone while operating a motor vehicle, relates to motor vehicle licensing.

History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 2299

Traffic Violations

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/16/2008*

Author: Caldwell (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits text messaging while operating a motor vehicle, Provides fine for violation of the prohibition, relates to traffic violations.

History: [Click for History](#)

HI S 2360

Traffic Violation

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/18/2008*

Author: Gabbard (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits cell phone use while driving except with a hands-free device, relates to traffic violation.

History: [Click for History](#)

HI S 2366 **Statewide Traffic Code**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008*
Author: Gabbard (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: HI H 2616 - Companion
Summary: Prohibits texting using electronic wireless communication device while driving, relates to statewide traffic code.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 2462 **Cell Phone Use**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/17/2008*
Author: Caldwell (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits cell phone use while driving except with a hands free device, relates to cell phone use.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI S 2471 **Text Messaging Traffic Violation**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/18/2008*
Author: Bunda (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits text messaging while driving, provides limited exceptions, relates to traffic violation.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 2616 **Statewide Traffic Code**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/18/2008*
Author: Har (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: HI S 2366 - Companion
Summary: Prohibits texting using electronic wireless communication device while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI S 2756 **Traffic Violation**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/22/2008*
Author: Bunda (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits text messaging while driving, provides limited exceptions, relates to traffic violation.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 3005 **Traffic Code**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/22/2008*
Author: Meyer (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of a cellular phone for text messaging while operating a motor vehicle upon any public street, road, or highway, Provides limited exceptions, relates to traffic code.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI S 3120 **Highways and Cellular Phones**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/22/2008*
Author: Hanabusa (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: HI H 3198 - Companion
Summary: (Governor's Bill Package) Prohibits the use of cell phones, including hands-free, or other electronic communications devices by persons aged fifteen years and six months but less than eighteen years while operating a motor vehicle under either a temporary instruction permit or a provisional license, relates to highway.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 3198 **Highway**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/22/2008*
Author: Say (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: HI S 3120 - Companion
Summary: (Governor's Bill Package) Prohibits the use of cell phones, including hands-free, or other electronic communications devices by persons aged fifteen years and six months but less than eighteen years while operating a motor vehicle under either a temporary instruction permit or a provisional license, relates to highway.
History: [Click for History](#)

HI H 3323 **Cell Phone Use While Driving**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/23/2008*
Author: Luke (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits cell phone use while driving except with a hands-free device.
History: [Click for History](#)

Iowa

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IA H 9 **Communication Devices Usage**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/14/2009*
Author: Abdul-Samad (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: IA H 84 - Similar;IA H 155 - Similar;IA S 190 - Similar
Summary: Prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from operating or using a cellular telephone or other wireless communication device without using a headset or hands-free adapter while operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway. An exception is allowed for emergency situations when the use of a handheld phone or device is to call 911 or contact law enforcement authorities or an emergency response agency. Does not prohibit a driver from using any cellular telephone or other wireless communication device when the motor vehicle is at a complete stop off the roadway.
History: [Click for History](#)

IA H 155 **Wireless Communication Devices**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/29/2009*
Author: Gaskill (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: IA H 9 - Similar;IA H 84 - Similar;IA S 190 - Similar
Summary: Relates to the use of wireless communication devices by motor vehicle operators and providing a penalty.
History: [Click for History](#)

IA SSB 1217 **Driving While Distracted**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Judiciary Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/17/2009*
 Author: Judiciary Cmt
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to driving while distracted and making a penalty applicable.
History: [Click for History](#)

IA H 2059 **Text Messaging While Driving**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/23/2008*
 Author: Bailey (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: IA H 575 - Similar;IA S 297 - Similar
Summary: Relates to text messaging and the use of cellular telephones by certain minor motor vehicle operators and making penalties applicable.
History: [Click for History](#)

IA S 2104 **Text Messaging While Operating a Motor Vehicle**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/06/2008*
 Author: Bolkcom (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to text messaging while operating a motor vehicle and providing a penalty.
History: [Click for History](#)

IA H 2224 **Communication Devices**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/12/2008*
 Author: Hunter (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle and providing a penalty.
History: [Click for History](#)

IA H 2349 **Wireless Communication Devices**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/21/2008*
 Author: Abdul-Samad (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to the use of certain wireless communication devices by motor vehicle operators and providing penalties.
History: [Click for History](#)

Idaho

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ID S 1030 **Motor Vehicles - Cell Phone Use**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/23/2009*
 Author: Bock (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Amends and adds to existing law relating to motor vehicles and cellular telephones to prohibit the use of cellular telephones while operating a motor vehicle, to provide exceptions and to provide a penalty.
History: [Click for History](#)

ID S 1031

Motor Vehicles - Cell Phone Use

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 01/23/2009***Author:** Bock (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Amends and adds to existing law relating to motor vehicles and wireless communications devices to prohibit the use of a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle, to provide exceptions and to provide a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)**Illinois**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

IL S 29

Illinois Vehicle Code

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Committee on Assignments Committee**Date of Last Action:** 01/30/2009***Author:** Rutherford (R) **Additional Authors:** Lauzen (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone or other mobile electronic device to send, read, or write a text-based communication. Sets forth exceptions. Provides that a violation is a petty offense punishable by a fine of \$75 and that, if a violation occurs at the time of a traffic accident, the violator shall pay an additional fine of \$200.**History:** [Click for History](#)

IL H 71

Use of Electronic Communication Devices While Driving

2009

Status: To Governor - To Governor**Date of Last Action:** 05/19/2009***Author:** D'Amico (D) **Additional Authors:** Black (R); Arroyo (D); Jakobsson (D); Holbrook (D); Harris (D); Pritchard (R); May (D); Davis M (D); Lyons J (D); Riley (D); Sandoval (D); Althoff (R); Silverstein (D); Frerichs (D); Hutchinson (D); Lauzen (R); Millner (R); Crotty (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message. Defines electronic communication device. Sets forth exceptions. Excludes global positioning or navigation systems from the definition. Allows a driver to use an electronic communication device while parked or stopped due to traffic and the vehicle is in neutral or park.**History:** [Click for History](#)

IL H 72

Vehicular Phone Use in School Zones

2009

Status: To Governor - To Governor**Date of Last Action:** 05/06/2009***Author:** D'Amico (D) **Additional Authors:** Black (R); Arroyo (D); Jakobsson (D); Lyons J (D); May (D); Davis M (D); Chapa-LaVia (D); Hernandez (D); Boland (D); Joyce (D); Althoff (R); Sandoval (D); Crotty (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Amends the Vehicle Code. Provides that a person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone, except for a person engaged in a highway construction or maintenance project when the person is using a wireless telephone in furtherance of that project, specified emergencies, and when the phone is in voice-activated mode.**History:** [Click for History](#)

IL S 272

Illinois Vehicle Code

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Committee on Assignments Committee**Date of Last Action:** 02/06/2009***Author:** Frerichs (D) **Additional Authors:** Althoff (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone in a school speed zone or a construction or maintenance speed zone, except for a person engaged in a highway construction or maintenance project for which a construction or maintenance speed zone has been established when the person is using a wireless telephone in furtherance of that project.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL S 273

Illinois Vehicle Code

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Committee on Assignments Committee**Date of Last Action:** 02/06/2009***Author:** Frerichs (D) **Additional Authors:** Althoff (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message. Provides that a violation is an offense against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles. Sets forth exceptions.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL H 349

Illinois Vehicle Code

2009

Status: Pending - House Rules Committee**Date of Last Action:** 03/17/2009***Author:** Pritchard (R) **Additional Authors:** May (D);Black (R);Franks (D);Chapa-LaVia (D);Sacia (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Creates the offense of distracted driving, which a person commits by operating a motor vehicle in violation of a law or ordinance governing the movement of vehicles while also engaging in certain activities. Provides that distracted driving is a petty offense.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL S 1299

Illinois Vehicle Code

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 02/10/2009***Author:** Silverstein (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Creates the offenses of driving with a screen device operating and unlawful installation of television, monitor, or similar device. Provides a person commits the offense of driving with a screen device operating when the person is driving a motor vehicle that has a television video monitor. Provides an exception for wireless telephones or electronic communication devices being used for verbal communication.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL S 2462

Aggravating Factors In Sentencing

2008

Status: Pending - Senate Rules Committee**Date of Last Action:** 02/15/2008***Author:** Cullerton (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that it is an aggravating factor in sentencing that the defendant (i) committed reckless homicide or any violation of the Rules of the Road Chapter of the Illinois Vehicle Code and (ii) was sending an electronic text message or operating any electronic device not a part of the vehicle's original equipment, while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL H 4739

Wireless Telephone Hands-Free Operation

2008

Status: Pending - Tabled**Date of Last Action:** 01/31/2008***Author:** Black (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person not otherwise prohibited from

driving a vehicle on a roadway while using a wireless telephone may do so only if that wireless telephone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free operation, and is used in that manner while driving. Provides that any person who violates the provision regarding wireless telephone use shall be fined \$250.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL H 4740

Wireless Telephone Fines

2008

Status: Pending - Tabled

Date of Last Action: 01/31/2008*

Author: Black (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, if any person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of the Code, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, that resulted in an accident, and the person's use of a wireless telephone caused or contributed to the accident, the person shall, in addition to any other penalty imposed, pay a fine of \$500.

History: [Click for History](#)

IL H 4998

Distracted Driving Offense

2008

Status: Pending - House Rules Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/12/2008*

Author: Pritchard (R) **Additional Authors:** Froehlich (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Vehicle Code. Creates the offense of distracted driving. Provides that a person commits distracted driving by operating a motor vehicle while doing anything that distracts from driving in a lawful manner. Provides that a law enforcement officer may charge a person with distracted driving if the officer has stopped the person for any violation of a law or ordinance governing the vehicle. Provides that the offense is not a violation and may not be recorded on a driving record.

History: [Click for History](#)

Indiana

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IN S 80

Cell Phone Use While Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Homeland Security, Transportation and Veteran Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*

Author: Kruse (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Makes it a Class D infraction for a person less than 18 years of age to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand held mobile telephone, makes exemptions for a person who uses a mobile telephone in an emergency situation, the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, the operator of a medical services vehicle and a volunteer firefighter and certain emergency services professionals en route to the scene of an emergency.

History: [Click for History](#)

IN S 119

Cell Phone Use While Driving

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/08/2008*

Author: Kruse (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Makes it a Class D infraction for a person less than 18 years of age to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand held mobile telephone, exempts a person who uses a mobile telephone in an emergency situation, the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle the operator of a medical services vehicle and a volunteer firefighter and certain emergency services professionals en route to the scene of an emergency.

History: [Click for History](#)

IN S 196

Electronic Devices

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Interstate and International Cooperation Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/09/2009*

Author: Wyss (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Provides that a person who uses a handheld device while operating a motor vehicle as a public passenger chauffeur commits a Class C infraction, provides that a person who drives a motor vehicle that has a video monitor, portable computer, or other similar device capable of providing a visual display that can be seen by a person sitting in the driver's seat.**History:** [Click for History](#)

IN H 1112

Learner Permits

2008

Status: Enacted - Public Law No. 24.**Date of Last Action:** 03/03/2008 - Enacted***Author:** Micon (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues**Summary:** Establishes an interim study committee to study learner's permits, graduated driver's licenses, the minimum age for the issuance of a learner's permit, minimum age for the issuance of a probationary operator's license, requirements for practice driving before a probationary operator's license can be issued, prohibitions against a driver under the age of 18 from operating a motor vehicle while using a handheld device and the period during which certain passengers may accompany a probationary driver.**History:** [Click for History](#)

IN H 1167

Hand Held Mobile Telephone Use

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Public Policy Committee**Date of Last Action:** 01/14/2008***Author:** Summers (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Makes it a Class D infraction to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand held mobile telephone, exempts a person who uses a mobile telephone in an emergency situation, the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, the operator of a medical services vehicle and a volunteer firefighter or certain emergency services professionals en route to the scene of an emergency.**History:** [Click for History](#)

IN H 1242

Mobile Telephone Use

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Homeland Security, Transportation and Veteran Affairs Committee**Date of Last Action:** 02/16/2009***Author:** Summers (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits the use of a handheld mobile telephone by all operators of motor vehicles, prohibits the use of a hands free mobile telephone by a motor vehicle operator who holds a probationary license. Exempts individuals who use a mobile telephone in an emergency situation, operators of certain emergency and medical services vehicles, imposes civil penalties for violations, provides for deposit of the penalties in the state general fund.**History:** [Click for History](#)**Kansas**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

KS H 2132

Text Messaging while Driving

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - House Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 01/28/2009***Author:** Transportation Cmt**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Regulates traffic, prohibits the sending, reading or writing of text messages while operating a motor vehicle.**History:** [Click for History](#)

KS H 2705

Text Messages While Operating a Motor Vehicle

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/30/2008*
Author: Transportation Cmt
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Regulates traffic, prohibits the sending, reading or writing of text messages while operating a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

KS H 2706 **Distracted Driving**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/30/2008*
Author: Transportation Cmt
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Regulates traffic, concerns distracted driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

Kentucky [Bill Text Lookup](#)

KY H 41 **Motor Vehicle**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/06/2009*
Author: Floyd (R) **Additional Authors:** Burch (D);Clark L (D);Moore (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of a personal communication device without the use of hands free device by the operation of a motor vehicle, provides limited exceptions, provides for period during which courtesy warnings will be issued for a violation, sets a fine.
History: [Click for History](#)

KY H 46 **Personal Communication Devices**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - SENATE
Date of Last Action: 02/12/2009*
Author: Nelson (D) **Additional Authors:** Clark L (D);Richards (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: (HB 46)Prohibits the use of a personal communication device by an operator of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped that is under the age of 18, provides a grace period during which a warning will be issued, provides that a fine will be imposed for violation.
History: [Click for History](#)

KY H 56 **Operation of a Motor Vehicle**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/08/2008*
Author: Burch (D) **Additional Authors:** Meeks (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to the operation of a motor vehicle, defines the term wireless communication device, prohibits the use of wireless communication device by the operator of a motor vehicle with limited exceptions, provides for a warning for first violation and set fine for subsequent violations at between \$20 and \$100.
History: [Click for History](#)

KY S 116 **Traffic Regulations**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/28/2008*
Author: Harper Angel (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to traffic regulations, prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle on a public highway to read, write or send a text message, directs that enforcement for violation be taken only as a secondary offense, prohibits the Transportation Cabinet from including a conviction on the driving record of the person or to report the conviction to the employer of the person or

any insurance company.

History: [Click for History](#)

KY BR 135

Motor Vehicle

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 11/07/2008*

Author: Floyd (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: (HB 41) Prohibits the use of a personal communication device without the use of hands free device by the operation of a motor vehicle, provides limited exceptions, provides for period during which courtesy warnings will be issued for a violation, sets a fine.

History: [Click for History](#)

KY BR 267

Personal Communication Devices

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 11/17/2008*

Author: Nelson (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: (HB 46) Prohibits the use of a personal communication device by an operator of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped that is under the age of 18, provides a grace period during which a warning will be issued, provides that a fine will be imposed for violation.

History: [Click for History](#)

KY H 267

Motor Vehicle Operator Licenses

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2009*

Author: Burch (D) **Additional Authors:** Meeks (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving | Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Prohibits any person under 18 with a instruction permit from using a personal telecommunication device while operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped except to summon medical or other emergency help, requires the cabinet to provide a decal to be affixed to a vehicle identifying that the operator is in possession of an instruction permit.

History: [Click for History](#)

Louisiana

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LA HR 131

Driving While Using a Handsfree Device Study

2009

Status: Adopted - Adopted

Date of Last Action: 06/25/2009 - Adopted*

Author: Badon A (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development, Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission to conduct a study regarding hands free cellular telephone usage and driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

LA S 137

Cellular Phones and Driving Regulations

2008

Status: Enacted - Act No. 665

Date of Last Action: 07/01/2008 - Enacted*

Author: Quinn (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits text messaging while operating a motor vehicle, prohibits any driver holding a learner's license or an intermediate license from using a wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

LA H 146

Traffic Violations

2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation, Highways & Public Works Committee
Date of Last Action: 05/27/2009*
Author: Badon A (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone or electronic communications device while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

LA S 159 **Telecommunications Devices and Driving Regulations**
2008 **Status:** Enacted - Act No. 666
Date of Last Action: 07/01/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Cravins (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits minors from using any wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle, requires law enforcement officers to record and retain the number of violations of the prohibition, requires the Highway Safety Commission to collect and compile statistical information on the number of crashes and the number of fatalities and injuries incurred in crashes which involve the use of such device.
History: [Click for History](#)

LA S 342 **Motor Vehicles and Cell Phones**
2008 **Status:** Enacted - Act No. 667
Date of Last Action: 07/01/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Erdey (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits drivers issued a first driver's license from this state from operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone for any reason for one year, does not apply to a person previously licensed to drive in another jurisdiction, exempts emergency response personnel in the performance of their duty, relates to firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, law enforcement and peace officers.
History: [Click for History](#)

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MA S 1977 **Teen Driving and Cell Phones**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
Author: Tisei (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues
Summary: Prohibits cell phone use by teens while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 3152 **Cell Phone Use in Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
Author: Atkins (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: No person shall operate a motor vehicle while using a cell phone, unless the cell phone is hands free.
History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 3160 **Driving and Text Messaging**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
Author: Atsalis (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits text messaging and reading writing or sending electronic messaging while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 3237 **Junior Operators**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
 Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
 Author: Hill (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Regulates junior operators and the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 3259 **Motor Vehicle Operation and Communication Device Use**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
 Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
 Author: Koutoujian (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 3354 **Use of Certain Communication Devices While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
 Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
 Author: Wagner (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: No person under 18 years of age shall use a mobile telephone, a hands-free mobile telephone or a mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public way while using a mobile electronic device or a mobile telephone, unless said telephone is a hands-free mobile telephone. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for a first offense, by a fine of \$250 for a second offense and by a fine of \$500 for a third or subsequent offense.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 4015 **Junior Operator Cell Phone Use**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
 Date of Last Action: 03/20/2009*
 Author: Alicea (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits junior operators use of cell phones or text messaging devices while driving.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 4029 **Junior Operator Cell Phone Use**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Joint Committee on Transportation
 Date of Last Action: 03/20/2009*
 Author: Murphy C (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Relates to cell phone use and text messaging by junior operators.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MA H 4477 **Car Communication Device Use**
2008 **Status:** Pending - Senate Ethics and Rules Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/23/2008*
 Author: Joint Transportation
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Further regulates the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 72 **Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Chapter No. 195
 Date of Last Action: 05/07/2009 - Enacted*
 Author: Turner F (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits a person from using a text messaging device to write or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MD S 98 **Prohibition on Text Messaging While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Chapter No. 194
 Date of Last Action: 05/07/2009 - Enacted*
 Author: Stone (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits a person from using a text messaging device to write or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle, provides an exception the use of a global positioning system and for the use of a text messaging device to contact a 9-1-1 system.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MD S 103 **Vehicle Laws**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Withdrawn from further consideration
 Date of Last Action: 01/15/2009*
 Author: Stone (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits a driver of a school vehicle from using a handheld telephone under specified circumstances, prohibits a holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a handheld telephone, prohibits a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a handheld telephone except under specified circumstances.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MD S 143 **Vehicle Laws**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Withdrawn from further consideration
 Date of Last Action: 01/19/2009*
 Author: Lenett (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits a driver of a specified school vehicle from using wireless communication devices, prohibits a holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using wireless communication devices, prohibits a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use wireless communication devices, provides exceptions to the prohibitions.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 321 **Transit Vehicle Operators**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Environmental Matters Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/24/2008*
 Author: Stukes (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits a person from using a specified wireless communication device while operating a transit vehicle.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 380 **Motor Vehicles**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE
 Date of Last Action: 01/28/2008*
 Author: Turner F (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits a person from using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text

message while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

MD S 461 **Vehicle Laws**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/31/2008*

Author: Middleton (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: MD H 695 - Crossfiled with

Summary: Repeals a provision of law that limits a police officer to enforcing only as a secondary violation a prohibition against a young holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license from using a wireless communication device while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 518 **Vehicle Laws**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Withdrawn from further consideration

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2009*

Author: Clagett G (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving| School Bus Safety| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Prohibits a driver of a specified school vehicle from using a wireless communication device, prohibits a holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license who is 18 years old or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device, prohibits a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless communication device, provides exceptions to the prohibitions.

History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 695 **Vehicle Laws**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 02/01/2008*

Author: Charles County Delegation

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: MD S 461 - Crossfiled with

Summary: Repeals a provision of law that limits a police officer to enforcing only as a secondary violation a prohibition against a young holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license from using a wireless communication device while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 711 **Motor Vehicles**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2008*

Author: Barkley (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the driver of a school bus from using a wireless communication device while operating the school bus under specified circumstances, defines terms.

History: [Click for History](#)

MD H 1110 **Texting While Driving**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 02/07/2008*

Author: Waldstreicher (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the use of a wireless communication device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle, establishes specified exceptions to the prohibition, provides that specified use of a wireless communication device does not constitute writing, sending, or reading a text message under the Act.

History: [Click for History](#)

ME S 15 **Driving While Distracted**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Public Law No. 446
 Date of Last Action: 06/19/2009 - Enacted*
 Author: Diamond (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Makes failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle a traffic infraction, defines operation of a motor vehicle while distracted.
 History: [Click for History](#)

ME H 35 **Electronic Devices While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
 Date of Last Action: 12/30/2008*
 Author: Hogan (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits the use of a handheld cellular telephone and a handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle, clarifies that law enforcement officers, corrections officers, firefighters, drivers of authorized emergency vehicles, holders of commercial driver's licenses, physicians, municipal public works personnel, Turnpike Authority personnel and state transportation personnel, including all employees and contractors of the Department of Transportation, may use cell phones while driving.
 History: [Click for History](#)

ME H 36 **Cell Phone Use While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
 Date of Last Action: 12/30/2008*
 Author: Beaudoin (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits the use of a handheld cellular telephone and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle, clarifies that law enforcement officers, corrections officers, firefighters, drivers of authorized emergency vehicles, holders of commercial driver's licenses, physicians, municipal public works personnel, Turnpike Authority personnel and state transportation personnel, including all employees and contractors of the Department of Transportation, may use handheld cellular telephones.
 History: [Click for History](#)

ME H 96 **Cellular Telephones While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
 Date of Last Action: 01/08/2009*
 Author: Crockett P (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits the use of a handheld cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle and makes the offense a traffic infraction, exempts certain public employees and certain professions.
 History: [Click for History](#)

ME H 207 **Safety in Construction Zones**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
 Date of Last Action: 01/26/2009*
 Author: Rotundo (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Provides that a person may not operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone or handheld electronic device in an area in which the Commissioner of Transportation or the Executive Director of the Turnpike Authority has restricted the speed limit for construction or maintenance activity, provides that the penalty for a violation of this provision is at least \$50 for the first offense and at least \$250 for the 2nd or subsequent offense.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI S 402 **Texting While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 03/24/2009*
 Author: Thomas (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits sending and receiving text messages while driving.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI S 417 **Cell Phones**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 03/31/2009*
 Author: Basham (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Allows use of hand-free wireless telephones while driving.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI S 467 **School Buses**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Education Committee
 Date of Last Action: 04/23/2009*
 Author: Kahn (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving| School Bus Safety
 Summary: Prohibits use of cell phone while operating a school bus.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI S 468 **Cell Phones**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 04/23/2009*
 Author: Kahn (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Permits use of hands-free wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI S 1036 **Cell Phone Use**
2008 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/22/2008*
 Author: Basham (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Allows drivers to use hands-free wireless phones.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI H 4369 **Cell Phone Use**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/19/2009*
 Author: Polidori (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits use of mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle and provides penalties.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI H 4394 **Wireless Device**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/24/2009*
 Author: Gonzales (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Provides for penalties for operating a motor vehicle while reading, writing, or sending a message on an electronic wireless device.

History: [Click for History](#)

MI H 5021 **Motor Vehicle Visual Displays Devices**
2008 **Status:** Enacted - Public Act No. 19
 Date of Last Action: 03/06/2008 - Enacted*
 Author: Angerer (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Revises provisions of existing law that provides a person shall not operate a motor vehicle that is to be used upon the highways of the state with a electronic device that displays a video image that can be viewed by the operator while the motor vehicle is in motion, provides exceptions to those devices.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MI H 5696 **Cellular Telephone**
2008 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/06/2008*
 Author: Law D (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits use of cellular telephone while operating a vehicle by an individual in the graduated licensing program, establishes penalties.
 History: [Click for History](#)

Minnesota

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MN S 26 **Careless Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Judiciary Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/12/2009*
 Author: Jungbauer (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Associated Bills: MN H 1343 - Companion
 Summary: Relates to public safety, clarifies law on inattentive driving and failure to exercise due care, provides for enhanced criminal penalties for certain traffic violations that result in personal injury or property damage, requires commissioner of public safety to include information on inattentive driving in drivers manual, requires distribution of traffic law summary to peace officers.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MN S 593 **Traffic Regulations**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/12/2009*
 Author: Bonoff (DFL)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Associated Bills: MN H 1339 - Companion
 Summary: No person may operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic-unless the device is solely in a voice-activated or other hands-free mode.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 928 **Traffic Regulation**
2009 **Status:** Vetoed - Vetoed by Governor
 Date of Last Action: 05/22/2009 - Vetoed*
 Author: Hornstein (DFL)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Associated Bills: MN S 1455 - Companion
 Summary: Relates to traffic regulation, prohibits the use of wireless communications devices in Metropolitan Council public transit vehicles.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 1339 **Traffic Regulations**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division
Date of Last Action: 03/05/2009*
Author: Ruud (DFL)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: MN S 593 - Companion
Summary: No person may operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic unless the device is hands-free.
History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 1343 **Public Safety**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Public Safety Policy and Oversight Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/05/2009*
Author: Abeler (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: MN S 26 - Companion
Summary: Relates to public safety, clarifies law on inattentive driving and failure to exercise due care, provides for enhanced criminal penalties for certain traffic violations that result in personal injury or property damage, requires commissioner of public safety to include information on inattentive driving in driver's manual, requires distribution of traffic law summary to peace officers.
History: [Click for History](#)

MN S 1455 **Traffic Regulation**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Finance Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/30/2009*
Author: Murphy S (DFL)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: MN H 928 - Companion
Summary: Relates to traffic regulation, prohibits the use of wireless communications devices in Metropolitan Council public transit vehicles.
History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 1822 **Transportation**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Public Safety and Civil Justice Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/11/2008*
Author: Jaros (DFL)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to transportation, requires that mobile telephones used in motor vehicles be hands-free, provides a defense.
History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 2351 **Traffic Regulations**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division
Date of Last Action: 04/25/2009*
Author: Masin (DFL)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to traffic regulations, prohibits certain use of cellular phones while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

MN S 3562 **Traffic Regulations**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/10/2008*
Author: Murphy (DFL)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: MN H 3726 - Companion
Summary: Relates to traffic regulations, limits use of wireless communications devices while operating

a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 3726

Traffic Regulations

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Public Safety and Civil Justice Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2008*

Author: Hornstein (DFL)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: MN S 3562 - Companion

Summary: Relates to traffic regulations, limits use of wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

MN H 3800

Motor Vehicles

2008

Status: Enacted - Filed with Secretary of State. Chapter No. 350

Date of Last Action: 05/23/2008 - Enacted*

Author: Hornstein (DFL)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Pedestrian and Bike Safety

Associated Bills: MN S 3223 - Companion

Summary: In addition to driver education classroom curriculum prescribed in rules of statutes the curriculum must include instruction on the duties of a driver when encountering a bicycle, other nonmotorized vehicles, or a pedestrian. Sections 28 and 38 prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device to compose, read or send an electronic message when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

History: [Click for History](#)

Missouri

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MO H 26

Wireless Telephone Operation

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*

Author: Smith J (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle on public property while using a wireless telephone with certain exceptions.

History: [Click for History](#)

MO H 92

Cellular Telephone Criminal Code

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Public Safety

Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*

Author: El-Amin (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Creates the crime of driving while using a cellular telephone.

History: [Click for History](#)

MO S 129

Electronic Wireless Communication Use

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - SENATE

Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*

Author: McKenna (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving| School Bus Safety

Summary: A school bus driver shall not use a handheld wireless telephone or other electronic wireless communications device used for remote two-way communication while operating a school bus on a highway within this state. The provisions of this section shall not apply when a school bus is at a complete stop off the roadway or when a handheld wireless telephone or other electronic wireless communications device is used to call 911 or to contact law enforcement authorities or emergency response agencies in an emergency situation.

History: [Click for History](#)

MO S 130 **Electronic Wireless Telecommunication Use**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Public Safety
 Date of Last Action: 03/24/2009*
 Author: McKenna (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Relates to the use of electronic wireless telecommunication devices while operating a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MO H 134 **Vehicle Operation**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Public Safety
 Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*
 Author: Fallert (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone under certain circumstances.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MO H 1429 **Wireless Telephone Use**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/09/2008*
 Author: Smith (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits wireless telephone use while driving a motor vehicle with certain exceptions.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MO H 1702 **Mobile Communication Device**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/16/2008*
 Author: Brown J (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Creates the crime of using a mobile communication device while operating a motor vehicle if the driver is younger than eighteen years of age.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MO H 2306 **Teenage Drivers Using Cellular Phone**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/28/2008*
 Author: Baker J (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits teenage drivers from operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular phone.
 History: [Click for History](#)

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MS H 8 **Cell Phone Usage**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Died
 Date of Last Action: 01/21/2008*
 Author: Clarke (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Relates to cell phone, prohibits use of while driving without using hands-free accessories.
 History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 91 **Cellular Phone**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/21/2008*
Author: Broomfield (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to cellular phones, prohibits use while driving without use of hands-free accessories.
History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 92 **Cell Phones**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/21/2008*
Author: Mayo (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to cell phones, prohibits use while driving without using hands-free accessories.
History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 153 **Crimes**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/06/2009*
Author: Mayo (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to crimes, creates offense of using cell phone while driving without using hands-free accessories.
History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 235 **Cellular Phone Use While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/06/2009*
Author: Clarke A (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to crimes, creates for using cell phone while driving, without using hands-free accessories.
History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 431 **Wireless Telephones**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/12/2009*
Author: Broomfield (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to wireless telephones, prohibit use of while driving without use of hands-free device.
History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 597 **Cellular Phone Use in Automobiles**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 02/01/2008*
Author: Denny (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to cellular phone use in automobiles, preempts local ordinances by state law.
History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 672 **Crimes**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/14/2009*
Author: Snowden (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to crimes, creates offenses that restrict cell phone use while driving a motor

vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

MS H 712 **Cellular Phone Use In Automobiles**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/15/2009*

Author: Denny (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to cellular phone use in automobiles, states law regulating preempts local ordinances.

History: [Click for History](#)

MS S 2060 **Motor Vehicles**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/06/2009*

Author: Yancey (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibit text messaging and restrict cell phone use while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

MS S 2097 **Drivers Under Age Seventeen**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/06/2009*

Author: Tollison (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Relates to drivers under age 17, restrict age and number of passengers allowed, restrict cell phone use.

History: [Click for History](#)

MS S 2321 **Prohibiting Driving Cell Phone Use**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/08/2009*

Author: Tollison (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to driving, prohibit texting and cell phone use.

History: [Click for History](#)

MS S 2332 **Cell Phones**

2009 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/08/2009*

Author: Hudson (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to cell phones, prohibit texting while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

MS S 2414 **Cell Phone**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/28/2008*

Author: Gollott (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to cell phone, prohibit use while driving without hands-free accessories.

History: [Click for History](#)

MT H 49 **Cell Phone Use and Texting**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/05/2009*
Author: Lake (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Restricts cell phone use and texting while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

MT D 971 **Cell Phone Use and Texting While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Draft
Date of Last Action: 11/17/2008*
Author: Lake (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to cell phone use and texting while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

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NC H 9 **Texting while Driving**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Session Law Number 2009-135
Date of Last Action: 06/19/2009 - Enacted*
Author: Pierce (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: NC S 19 - Same as;NC S 22 - Same as;NC S 96 - Same as
Summary: Makes it unlawful to use a mobile telephone for e-mail or text messaging while operating a vehicle on a public street, highway or public vehicular area, provides exceptions for law enforcement, ambulance drivers and members of a fire department.
History: [Click for History](#)

NC S 12 **Mobile Phone Usage While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Judiciary II Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/29/2009*
Author: Dannelly (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Bans mobile phone use while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

NC S 22 **Texting While Driving Ban**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee
Date of Last Action: 04/01/2009*
Author: Forrester (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: NC H 9 - Same as
Summary: Makes it unlawful to use a mobile telephone for e-mail or text messaging while operating a vehicle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area.
History: [Click for History](#)

NC H 68 **Electronic Devices and Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 02/05/2009*
Author: Cole (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Makes using a mobile phone or accessing additional technology unlawful while operating a motor vehicle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area.
History: [Click for History](#)

NC S 380

DMV Reports and Mobile Phone Data

2009

Status: Pending - House Judiciary III Committee**Date of Last Action:** 03/24/2009***Author:** Dannelly (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to mobile phone data, requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to collect data related to crashes on forms supplied by the Division.**History:** [Click for History](#)

NC H 1320

Cell Phone Use and Crashes

2009

Status: Pending - House Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity Committee**Date of Last Action:** 04/09/2009***Author:** Starnes (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Makes the use of a mobile phone an aggravating factor when charged with a violation of Motor Vehicle Law.**History:** [Click for History](#)**North Dakota**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

ND H 1208

Wireless Communication Device Use

2009

Status: Failed - HOUSE**Date of Last Action:** 01/08/2009***Author:** Klemin (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to the use of a wireless communications device and demerit points, relates to fees for a moving violation, provides a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)**New Hampshire**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

NH H 34

Rules of the Road

2009

Status: To Governor - Eligible for Governor**Date of Last Action:** 03/24/2009***Author:** Drisko (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits the use of cellular phones while actively driving a motor vehicle, except by certain emergency personnel in an official capacity. Prohibits writing a text message and using 2 hands to type on or operate an electronic or telecommunications device while driving except under circumstances specified in the bill. Prohibits operating a motor vehicle while holding an animal upon the person's lap.**History:** [Click for History](#)

NH H 294

Writing a Text Message While Driving

2009

Status: Pending - Retained in Committee for Second Year Action**Date of Last Action:** 01/08/2009***Author:** Campbell D (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits writing a text message and using 2 hands to type on or operate an electronic or telecommunications device while driving, except under circumstances specified in the bill.**History:** [Click for History](#)

NH H 1222

Text Messages

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Laid on Table**Date of Last Action:** 01/02/2008*

Author: Campbell D (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits writing a text message and using 2 hands to type on or operate an electronic or telecommunications device while driving except under circumstances specified in the bill.

History: [Click for History](#)

New Jersey

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NJ S 748

Driver Distractions

2008

Status: Pending - Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/08/2008*

Author: Codey (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires driver distractions to be noted in traffic accidents.

History: [Click for History](#)

NJ S 748

Driver Distractions

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/08/2008*

Author: Codey (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires driver distractions to be noted in traffic accidents.

History: [Click for History](#)

NJ S 1541

Wireless Phone Use

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/17/2008*

Author: Singer (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires \$10 of penalty for unlawful wireless telephone use in motor vehicle be paid to Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

History: [Click for History](#)

NJ A 2134

Driver Distractions

2008

Status: Pending - ASSEMBLY

Date of Last Action: 05/19/2008*

Author: Wisniewski (D) **Additional Authors:** Lampitt (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires driver distractions to be noted in traffic accidents.

History: [Click for History](#)

NJ A 2134

Driver Distractions

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 05/19/2008*

Author: Wisniewski (D) **Additional Authors:** Lampitt (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires driver distractions to be noted in traffic accidents.

History: [Click for History](#)

NJ A 2205

Vehicular Homicide

2009

Status: Pending - Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/25/2008*

Author: Karrow (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Establishes violation of hands-free cell phone law may constitute recklessness under vehicular homicide statute.

History: [Click for History](#)

NJ A 2943

GPS Navigation Devices

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 05/11/2009***Author:** DeCroce (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Associated Bills:** NJ S 2874 - Identical**Summary:** Permits the installation of motor vehicle global positioning system navigation devices on the dashboards, consoles and windshields of motor vehicles so long as the placement or positioning of that device does not unduly restrict or interfere with the vision of the operator of that motor vehicle.**History:** [Click for History](#)

NJ A 2943

GPS Navigation Devices

2008

Status: Pending - Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee**Date of Last Action:** 06/12/2008***Author:** DeCroce (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Permits the installation of motor vehicle global positioning system navigation devices on the dashboards, consoles and windshields of motor vehicles so long as the placement or positioning of that device does not unduly restrict or interfere with the vision of the operator of that motor vehicle.**History:** [Click for History](#)

NJ A 4064

Global Positioning System

2009

Status: Pending - Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee**Date of Last Action:** 06/08/2009***Author:** Smith L (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits manual operation of global positioning system device by operator of a motor vehicle while vehicle is in motion.**History:** [Click for History](#)**New Mexico**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

NM H 301

Motor Vehicles Operation

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee**Date of Last Action:** 03/15/2009***Author:** Lujan A (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while reading, writing or sending electronic messages, provides a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)

NM S 341

Motor Vehicle Penalties

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary Committee**Date of Last Action:** 03/18/2009***Author:** Lovejoy (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while reading, writing or sending electronic messages, provides a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)**Nevada**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

NV S 97 **Taxicabs**
 2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*
Author: Energy, Infrastructure and Trans Cmt
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits a taxicab driver from using a handheld cellular 2 phone or other similar device while carrying a passenger in his taxicab.
History: [Click for History](#)

NV A 217 **Cellular Phones**
 2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Assembly Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 02/26/2009*
Author: Manendo (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits minors from using cellular telephones and similar devices while operating motor vehicles.
History: [Click for History](#)

New York [Bill Text Lookup](#)

NY S 389 **Hand Held Communication Devices**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - SENATE
Date of Last Action: 02/26/2009*
Author: Breslin (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Defines "Hand-held communication device" and "Using" "Using" shall mean holding a mobile telephone or hand-held communication device to, or in the immediate proximity of, the user's ear or performing text messaging, internet faxing, web browsing or other wireless communication functions while operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway.
History: [Click for History](#)

NY S 536 **Ban on Texting While Driving**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - SENATE
Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*
Author: Alesi (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text-based communication on a mobile telephone while driving, creates a cell phone safety component in pre-licensing courses.
History: [Click for History](#)

NY S 587 **Texting While Driving Restrictions**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2009*
Author: Marcellino (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a hand-held mobile telephone while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 786 **Inattentive Driving**
 2009 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*
Author: Gantt (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Causes a person who engages in certain non-driving activities while driving to be guilty of inattentive driving, provides that inattentive driving is considered a traffic infraction,

provides that if a person commits three violations of inattentive driving during an eighteen month period, he or she is guilty of reckless driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 1028

Hand Held Communication Device Regulations

2009

Status: Pending - ASSEMBLY

Date of Last Action: 02/26/2009*

Author: Canestrari (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held communication devices while operating a vehicle on a public highway.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 1488

Motor Vehicle With Video Monitor

2009

Status: Pending - ASSEMBLY

Date of Last Action: 01/07/2009*

Author: Wright (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with a video monitor that plays pre-recorded programming or other similar means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications within view of the operator of such vehicle or where the monitor is located at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat, prevents distracted driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY S 1547

Police Accident Reports Data on Mobile Phone Use

2009

Status: Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/19/2009*

Author: Stavisky (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: NY A 4184 - Same as

Summary: Requires police accident reports to indicate whether the use of a mobile phone contributed to such vehicle accident.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 2453

Driving While Texting

2009

Status: Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/16/2009*

Author: Ortiz (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY S 3195

Text Messaging While Driving

2008

Status: Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 05/19/2008*

Author: Marcellino (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: NY A 7299 - Same as

Summary: Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 4184

Police Accident Reports Related to Mobile Phones

2009

Status: Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/31/2009*

Author: Ortiz (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Requires police accident reports to indicate whether the use of a mobile phone contributed to such vehicle accident.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 4267 **Use of Hands Free Mobile Telephone While Driving**

2009 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*

Author: Ortiz (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the use of a hands-free mobile telephone by the operator of a motor vehicle age 21 or older.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 6397 **Motor Vehicle**

2009 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/03/2009*

Author: Ortiz (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the use of a hands-free mobile telephone by an operator of a motor vehicle under the age of 18.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 6481 **Text Messages on a Mobile Telephone While Driving**

2009 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/04/2009*

Author: Schroeder (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Establishes AJ's law, prohibiting the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 6541 **Prohibited Use of Mobile Telephone While Driving**

2009 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/06/2009*

Author: Ortiz (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Provides that no person shall dial a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle, defines using a mobile telephone for purposes of prohibited use as including dialing such mobile telephone.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY S 8332 **Electronic Device Usage**

2008 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 05/28/2008*

Author: Golden (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the use of mobile phones and other portable electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle by persons under the age of eighteen.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 9520 **Text Messaging While Driving**

2008 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 12/27/2007*

Author: John (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving, creates a "cell phone safety" component in pre-licensing courses.

History: [Click for History](#)

NY A 10533 **Text Messaging While Driving**
2008 **Status:** Pending - Assembly Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 04/10/2008*
 Author: Schroeder (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Establishes AJ's law, prohibiting the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

Ohio [Bill Text Lookup](#)

OH H 130 **Talking Or Text Messaging While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Public Safety and Homeland Security
 Date of Last Action: 04/08/2009*
 Author: Miller E (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits a person who is less than 17 years of age from talking or text messaging on a mobile communication device while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

OH H 425 **Secondary Traffic Offense**
2008 **Status:** Pending - House Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/08/2008*
 Author: Fessler (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits driving a vehicle while text messaging or typing on a mobile communication device, establishes the violation as a secondary traffic offense.
History: [Click for History](#)

Oklahoma [Bill Text Lookup](#)

OK S 900 **Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*
 Author: Leftwich (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, limits use of wireless telecommunication device, defines terms, allows for exemptions, establishes penalties, provides for codification, provides an effective date.
History: [Click for History](#)

OK S 924 **Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*
 Author: Sykes (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, relates to full attention to driving, defines terms, prohibits distracted driving, establishes penalties, requires report of certain information, provides an effective date.
History: [Click for History](#)

OK H 1379 **Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - House Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*

Author: McDaniel R (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, relates to distracted driving, prohibits use of cellular telephones and electronic communication devices by certain operators of motor vehicles, provides presumption under certain circumstances, provides exceptions, provides penalty.

History: [Click for History](#)

OK H 1455

Motor Vehicles

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - House Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*

Author: McAffrey (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, relates to full time and attention while driving, prohibits use of certain devices by operators of motor vehicles, provides presumption under certain circumstances, provides exceptions, prescribes penalties, authorizes municipalities to enact certain ordinances, provides definitions, provides an effective date.

History: [Click for History](#)

OK H 2046

Motor Vehicles

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - House Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/02/2009*

Author: Morgan D (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, relates to distracted driving, prohibits use of certain devices by certain operators of motor vehicles, provides presumption under certain circumstances, provides exceptions, provides penalty, authorizes municipalities to enact certain ordinances, provides definitions, provides an effective date.

History: [Click for History](#)

OK H 2213

Distracted Driving

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2008*

Author: Gilbert (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, relates to full time and attention while driving, prohibits use of certain devices by operators of motor vehicles, provides presumption under certain circumstances, provides exceptions, prescribes penalties, authorizes municipalities to enact certain ordinances, provides definitions.

History: [Click for History](#)

OK H 2572

Motor Vehicle Attention while Driving

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2008*

Author: Hickman (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, relates to full time and attention while driving, prohibits use of certain device by operators of motor vehicles, provides definition.

History: [Click for History](#)

OK H 2932

Cellular Use While Operating School Bus

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/04/2008*

Author: McCarter (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits use of cellular telephone while operating school bus, provides penalty, provides exceptions, defines term.

History: [Click for History](#)

Oregon[Bill Text Lookup](#)

OR H 2038 **Use Of Mobile Communication Device**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/12/2009*
 Author: Hunt (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits person of any age from operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device except under certain circumstances, authorizes suspension of driving privileges for repeat offenses.
 History: [Click for History](#)

OR H 2377 **Mobile Communication Device**
2009 **Status:** To Governor - Eligible for Governor
 Date of Last Action: 06/02/2009*
 Author: Tomei (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits person of any age from operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device except under certain circumstances.
 History: [Click for History](#)

Pennsylvania[Bill Text Lookup](#)

PA H 67 **Vehicles Code**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 04/27/2009*
 Author: Markosek (D) **Additional Authors:** Murt (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues
 Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Provides for junior driver's licenses and for suspension of operating privileges. Prohibits interactive wireless communications devices. Provides for accident report forms, for compilation, tabulation and analysis of accident reports, for television equipment, for restraint systems, for the offense of careless driving, for applicability and uniformity of law and for disposition and use of liquid fuels and fuels tax funds given to counties for highway funding.
 History: [Click for History](#)

PA S 143 **Motor Vehicles Cell Phone Prohibition**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 04/28/2009*
 Author: Tomlinson (R) **Additional Authors:** Erickson (R);Musto (D);O'Pake (D);Boscola (D);Costa J (D);Wozniak (D);Rafferty (R);Williams A (D);McIlhinney (R);Stack (D);Ferlo (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic wireless communications devices.
 History: [Click for History](#)

PA S 305 **Text Messaging While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/20/2009*
 Author: O'Pake (D) **Additional Authors:** Costa J (D);Erickson (R);Musto (D);Boscola (D);Earll (R);Wozniak (D);Fontana (D);Stout (D);Washington (D);Stack (D);Ferlo (D);Rafferty (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Provides for the prohibition of text messaging while driving.
 History: [Click for History](#)

PA S 459 **Mobile Telephones Prohibition**

2009 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/02/2009*
Author: Ferlo (D) **Additional Authors:** Costa J (D);Erickson (R);Pippy (R);Musto (D);Fontana (D);Williams A (D);Stack (D);Rafferty (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway while using a mobile telephone or hand-held communication device to engage in a call or wireless communication while the vehicle is in motion. Provides exception for hands free devices and emergencies.
History: [Click for History](#)

PA H 600 **Vehicles Code**
2008 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/06/2007*
Author: Waters (D) **Additional Authors:** Blackwell (D);Melio (D);Micozzie (R);Kirkland (D);Youngblood (D);Parker (D);Myers (D);Pallone (D);Readshaw (D);Siptroth (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Defines mobile phone. Prohibits the use of mobile phone in school zones. Imposes a penalty.
History: [Click for History](#)

PA S 677 **Vehicles Code**
2008 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/23/2007*
Author: Orie (R) **Additional Authors:** Tartaglione (D);Erickson (R);Musto (D);Costa (D);Fumo (D);Logan (D);Fontana (D);Stack (D);Rafferty (R);Wonderling (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits mobile phone use while operating a school vehicle. Imposes penalties.
History: [Click for History](#)

PA H 698 **Vehicles Code**
2008 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/09/2007*
Author: Ross (R) **Additional Authors:** Caltagirone (D);Schroder (R);Hennessey (R);Hess (R);Josephs (D);Mundy (D);Geist (R);Dally (R);Hornaman (D);Stern (R);Watson (R);Mackereth (R);Scavello (R);Fabrizio (D);Siptroth (D);Gibbons (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Provides for the offense of careless driving. Provides an additional fine for any person who violates the careless driving law and at the time of the violation is distracted by the use of any electronic, electrical, mechanical, personal grooming device, food, drink, book or printed material.
History: [Click for History](#)

PA S 1098 **Vehicles Code**
2008 **Status:** Pending - Senate Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 09/28/2007*
Author: Williams C (D) **Additional Authors:** Ferlo (D);Orie (R);Erickson (R);Earll (R);Musto (D);Dinniman (D);Punt (R);Costa (D);Rafferty (R);Fontana (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits certain drivers from using mobile phones.
History: [Click for History](#)

PA H 1183 **Vehicles Code**
2008 **Status:** Pending - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 05/01/2007*
Author: Keller (D) **Additional Authors:** Blackwell (D);Daley (D);DeLuca (D);Freeman (D);Kirkland (D);Levdansky (D);Readshaw (D);Nailor (R);Youngblood (D);Petarca (D);Myers (D);Rubley (R);Tangretti (D);Pallone (D);Cruz (D);Scavello (R);Boyd (R);Fabrizio (D);Caltagirone (D);Goodman (D);Quinn (R);
Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits the use of mobile telephones by drivers of school buses and school vehicles.

History: [Click for History](#)

PA H 1375

Electronic Wireless Communications Devices

2009

Status: Pending - House Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 04/28/2009*

Author: Depasquale (D) **Additional Authors:** Clymer (R);Cohen (D);Daley (D);DeWeese (D);Donatucci (D);Freeman (D);Hess (R);Keller W (D);Kirkland (D);Readshaw (D);Melio (D);Mundy (D);Eachus (D);Thomas (D);Samuelson (D);Miller R (R);Watson (R);Cruz (D);Scavello (R);Fabrizio (D);Gillespie (R);O'Neill (

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic wireless communications devices.

History: [Click for History](#)

PA H 1506

Vehicles Code

2008

Status: Pending - House Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 06/07/2007*

Author: Depasquale (D) **Additional Authors:** Blackwell (D);DeLuca (D);DeWeese (D);Donatucci (D);Freeman (D);Kirkland (D);Levdansky (D);Readshaw (D);Melio (D);Dally (R);Youngblood (D);Thomas (D);Samuelson (D);Watson (R);Cruz (D);Caltagirone (D);Scavello (R);Wagner (D);Fabrizio (D);Reichley (R);Curry

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic wireless communications devices to send, read or write a text message while the vehicle is in motion.

History: [Click for History](#)

PA H 1827

Vehicles Code

2008

Status: Pending - House Transportation Committee**Date of Last Action:** 09/11/2007*

Author: Shapiro (D) **Additional Authors:** Brennan (D);Clymer (R);Cohen (D);Daley (D);DeLuca (D);Freeman (D);Hennessey (R);Josephs (D);Kenney (R);Readshaw (D);Harhai (D);Mundy (D);Nailor (R);Youngblood (D);Petarca (D);Petrone (D);Staback (D);Tangretti (D);Samuelson (D);Wojnaroski (D);Adolph (R);M

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Amends the Vehicles Code. Prohibits operators from using handheld mobile telephones.

History: [Click for History](#)

Rhode Island[Bill Text Lookup](#)

RI S 8

Motor Vehicles and Text Messaging

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Judiciary Committee**Date of Last Action:** 01/13/2009***Author:** Tassoni (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Makes text messaging while driving a motor vehicle offense, provides fines and penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)

RI S 204

Motor and Other Vehicles

2009

Status: Pending - House Corporations Committee**Date of Last Action:** 04/21/2009***Author:** Sosnowski (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving

Summary: Makes unlawful the use of a non-hands-free mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel.

History: [Click for History](#)

RI S 2080 **Minor Driving Laws**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/15/2008*
 Author: Tassoni (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Prohibits any minor from sending, writing or reading a text message while driving.
 History: [Click for History](#)

RI S 2086 **Motor Vehicles**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/15/2008*
 Author: Sosnowski (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Makes unlawful the use of a non-hands-free mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle except for public safety personnel.
 History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 5022 **Motor and Other Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Corporations Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/08/2009*
 Author: Giannini (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Makes unlawful the use of a non-hands-free mobile telephone and/or text messaging while operating a motor vehicle except for public safety personnel.
 History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 5241 **Motor and Other Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Corporations Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/28/2009*
 Author: Kilmartin (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Would create a secondary motor vehicle offense, inattentive driving, to a primary moving violation offense punishable by a \$50.00 fine. This act would take effect upon passage.
 History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 5242 **Motor and Other Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Corporations Committee
 Date of Last Action: 01/28/2009*
 Author: Kilmartin (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Would make unlawful the operation of nonhands-free mobile telephones while driving a motor vehicle or a bicycle. Persons making 911 calls, and state and local police and fire department calls would be exempt from the provisions of this act. This act would take effect on July 1, 2009.
 History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 5604 **Motor and Other Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - House Corporations Committee
 Date of Last Action: 02/25/2009*
 Author: McCauley (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
 Summary: Would prohibit text messaging while driving, with certain exceptions, and the penalties include a six (6) month loss of license for a third (3rd) violation within a two (2) year period. This act would take effect upon passage.
 History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 7058 **Hands Free Mobile Telephone Use**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Finance Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/08/2008*
Author: Giannini (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Makes unlawful the use of a non-hands-free mobile telephone and/or text messaging while operating a motor vehicle except for public safety personnel.
History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 7067 **Text Messaging While Driving Prohibition**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Corporations Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2008*
Author: McNamara (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits any minor from sending, writing or reading a text message while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 7291 **Secondary Motor Vehicle Offense**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/29/2008*
Author: Kilmartin (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Would create a secondary motor vehicle offense, inattentive driving, to a primary moving violation offense punishable by a \$50.00 fine. This act would take effect upon passage.
History: [Click for History](#)

RI H 8092 **Vehicular Rules**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/27/2008*
Author: McNamara (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits text messaging while driving.
History: [Click for History](#)

South Carolina [Bill Text Lookup](#)

SC S 24 **Communication Devices and Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/13/2009*
Author: Jackson (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Provides that a municipal governing body by ordinance may restrict the operator of a motor vehicle who is communicating with another person by way of a wireless communication device to the use of a hands-free device while the vehicle is in motion.
History: [Click for History](#)

SC S 257 **Carelessly Driving**
2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2007*
Author: Martin (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Provides that it is unlawful to drive carelessly as a result of being distracted, defines carelessly, provides fine with no points assigned.
History: [Click for History](#)

SC S 642 **Cell Phone Motor Vehicle Operation**
2009 **Status:** Pending - Carryover - Senate Judiciary Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/31/2009*

Author: Alexander Th (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues

Summary: Provides that a person under the age of eighteen may not operate a motor vehicle while using a cell phone or other wireless communications device and to provide for penalties and exceptions.

History: [Click for History](#)

SC S 750

Traffic Rules

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - Senate Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 04/23/2009*

Author: Martin L (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to traffic rules, provides that it is unlawful to drive carelessly as a result of being distracted, to define carelessly, and to provide for a fifty dollar fine with no points assigned.

History: [Click for History](#)

SC S 1133

Motor Vehicle Restrictions

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/20/2008*

Author: Knotts (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone, pager, personal digital assistant device, or another wireless communications device that is not equipped with a hands-free mechanism, provides penalties for violations, excludes law enforcement, emergency management service, and fire department officials and personnel from the prohibition.

History: [Click for History](#)

SC H 3083

Driving Violations

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - House Education and Public Works Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/13/2009*

Author: Hart (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Provides that it is unlawful for a person to operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone, pager, personal digital assistant device, or another wireless communications device that is not equipped with a hands-free mechanism, provides a penalty for a violation of this provision.

History: [Click for History](#)

SC H 4592

Cellular Telephones

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Education and Public Works Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/29/2008*

Author: Littlejohn (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Provides that it is unlawful for a person who holds a beginners permit, conditional driver's license, or a special restricted driver's license to operate a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone or another wireless communications device, provides penalties for violations of this provision.

History: [Click for History](#)

Tennessee

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TN H 107

Motor Vehicles

2009

Status: Pending - Carryover - HOUSE

Date of Last Action: 01/16/2009*

Author: Lundberg (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: TN S 393 - Same as

Summary: Prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

TN S 393

Motor Vehicles

2009 **Status:** Enacted - Public Chaptered. Chapter No. 201

Date of Last Action: 05/13/2009 - Enacted*

Author: Tracy (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: TN H 107 - Same as

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

TN S 2669

Motor Vehicles

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/10/2008*

Author: Tracy (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: TN H 2618 - Same as

Summary: Concerns Motor Vehicles, prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

TN S 3599

Motor Vehicles

2008 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/17/2008*

Author: Berke (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: TN H 1494 - Same as

Summary: Prohibits driver of trucks and truck tractors with a gross vehicle weight rating of 16,000 pounds or more from using a hand held mobile telephone while the vehicle is in motion on an interstate highway.

History: [Click for History](#)

Texas

[Bill Text Lookup](#)

TX H 55

Wireless Communication Device and Driving

2009 **Status:** Enacted - Filed with Secretary of State. Chapter No. 1105

Date of Last Action: 06/19/2009 - Enacted*

Author: Branch (R)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Provides that an operator may not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone unless the wireless communication device is used with a hands-free device.

History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 220

Wireless Device Use while Driving

2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee

Date of Last Action: 01/13/2009*

Author: Menendez (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 662 **Motor Vehicle Operation and Minors**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee
Date of Last Action: 05/14/2009*
Author: Ortiz (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: TX S 772 - Identical
Summary: Relates to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under 18 years of age while using a wireless communications device.
History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 738 **Motor Vehicle Offenses and Penalties**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/22/2009*
Author: Quintanilla (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to the penalty for an offense committed during the inattentive operation of a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 758 **Wireless Communication Offense**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/23/2009*
Author: Martinez Fische (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to the creation of an offense for certain prohibited uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

TX S 772 **Motor Vehicle Operation**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee
Date of Last Action: 02/10/2009*
Author: Williams (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues
Associated Bills: TX H 662 - Identical
Summary: Relates to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under 18 years of age while using a wireless communications device.
History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 3027 **Motor Vehicles and Wireless Communication**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/10/2009*
Author: Coleman (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: An operator may not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle unless the wireless communication device is used with a hands-free device.
History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 3736 **Wireless Communication and Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 03/12/2009*
Author: Coleman (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Associated Bills: TX S 582 - Identical
Summary: Unless the vehicle is stopped, an operator may not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. In this section, "wireless communication device" means a hand-held or hands-free device that uses commercial mobile service.
History: [Click for History](#)

TX H 4634 **Wireless Communication and Motor Vehicles**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - House Transportation Committee
 Date of Last Action: 03/13/2009*
 Author: Lucio E (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Relates to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a commercial motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

Utah [Bill Text Lookup](#)

UT S 149 **Text Messaging**
2009 **Status:** Failed - SENATE
 Date of Last Action: 02/25/2009*
 Author: Hillyard (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits a person from using a wireless communication device for text messaging or electronic mail communication while operating a motor vehicle on a highway in this state, provides exceptions to the wireless communication device prohibition, provides penalties for violating the prohibition on using a wireless communication device for text messaging or electronic mail communication while operating a motor vehicle.
History: [Click for History](#)

UT H 248 **Wireless Communication Device**
2009 **Status:** Failed - HOUSE
 Date of Last Action: 03/05/2009*
 Author: Moss (D)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Provides definitions, prohibits a person from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle unless the wireless communication device is designed and configured to allow for hands-free talking and listening and is used in that manner, provides exceptions to the wireless communication device prohibition, provides that it is a class C misdemeanor for violating the wireless communication device prohibition and makes technical changes.
History: [Click for History](#)

UT H 281 **Wireless Communication Device**
2009 **Status:** Failed - HOUSE
 Date of Last Action: 03/05/2009*
 Author: Ray (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits a person from using a wireless communication device for text messaging or electronic mail communication while operating a motor vehicle on a highway in this state, prohibits a person from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle in a reduced speed school zone or a public parking lot unless the wireless communication device is designed and configured to allow for hands-free talking and listening and is used in that manner.
History: [Click for History](#)

UT H 290 **Prohibition Of Wireless Communication Device**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Signed by Governor
 Date of Last Action: 03/25/2009 - Enacted*
 Author: Clark S (R)
 Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits a person from using a wireless communication device for text messaging or electronic mail communication while operating a motor vehicle, provides exceptions to the wireless communication device prohibition, provides that it is an infraction for violating the wireless communication device prohibition, provides that a violation of this section is not a reportable violation and points may not be assessed against a person for the violation.

History: [Click for History](#)

Virginia

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VA H 39 **Text Messaging**
2009 **Status:** Failed - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2008*
Author: Scott J (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of sending, receiving, or reading any text message.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA H 39 **Text Messaging**
2008 **Status:** Failed - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2008*
Author: Scott (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of sending, receiving, or reading any text message.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA S 136 **Wireless Telecommunications Devices**
2008 **Status:** Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 234.
Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Stuart (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons operating school buses, handheld or otherwise, except in emergencies, when the vehicle is lawfully parked or for purposes of dispatching.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA S 136 **Wireless Telecommunications Devices**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 234.
Date of Last Action: 03/04/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Stuart (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits the use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons operating school buses, handheld or otherwise, except in emergencies, when the vehicle is lawfully parked or for purposes of dispatching.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA H 609 **Text Messaging**
2009 **Status:** Failed - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2008*
Author: Eisenberg (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of sending, receiving, or reading any text message.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA H 609 **Text Messaging**

2008 **Status:** Failed - House Transportation Committee
Date of Last Action: 01/09/2008*
Author: Eisenberg (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of sending, receiving, or reading any text message.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA S 874 **Cellular Device Driving Operation**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/27/2009*
Author: Ticer (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Provides that, with certain exceptions, no person may use a mobile telephone or other wireless electronic telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle on any public highway in the Commonwealth unless such mobile telephone or other wireless electronic telecommunications device is equipped with a hands-free accessory.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA S 966 **Wireless Telecommunications Devices**
2009 **Status:** Failed - SENATE
Date of Last Action: 01/14/2009*
Author: Blevins (R)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits, except for emergency 911 calls, the use of any cellular telephone, mobile telephone, or other wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle, unless the device is configured for hands-free operation.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA H 1218 **Wireless Telecommunications Devices**
2009 **Status:** Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 447.
Date of Last Action: 03/07/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Bowling (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons operating school buses, except in emergencies or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the purposes of dispatching.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA H 1218 **Wireless Telecommunications Devices**
2008 **Status:** Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 447.
Date of Last Action: 03/07/2008 - Enacted*
Author: Bowling (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving
Summary: Prohibits use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons operating school buses, except in emergencies or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the purposes of dispatching.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA S 1227 **Cell Phone Use While Driving**
2009 **Status:** Failed - Died
Date of Last Action: 01/14/2009*
Author: Barker (D)
Topics: Distracted Driving| Teen/New Driver Issues
Summary: Makes cell phone use while driving by a provisional driver's license holder a primary offense.
History: [Click for History](#)

VA H 1615 Text Messaging**2009 Status:** Failed - HOUSE**Date of Last Action:** 01/14/2009***Author:** Howell W (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to text messaging, prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways in the Commonwealth while using any wireless telecommunication device for the purpose of sending, receiving, or reading any text message.**History:** [Click for History](#)

VA H 1659 Wireless Telecommunications Devices**2009 Status:** Failed - Died**Date of Last Action:** 01/14/2009***Author:** Howell A (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits use of wireless telecommunications devices, whether handheld or otherwise, while operating a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways in the Commonwealth, except in an emergency.**History:** [Click for History](#)

VA H 1769 Wireless Electronic Devices**2009 Status:** Failed - Died**Date of Last Action:** 01/14/2009***Author:** Dance (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Provides that, with certain exceptions, no person may use a mobile telephone or other wireless electronic telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle on any public highway in the Commonwealth unless such mobile telephone or other wireless electronic telecommunications device is equipped with a hands-free accessory.**History:** [Click for History](#)

VA H 1876 Text Messaging and Emailing While Driving**2009 Status:** Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 661.**Date of Last Action:** 03/30/2009 - Enacted***Author:** Cosgrove (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth while using any handheld personal communications device to manually enter multiple letters or text or to read a text message, provides exemptions for using global positioning systems (GPS), reading caller identification information, and using a wireless telecommunications device to report an emergency, exempts operators of emergency vehicles.**History:** [Click for History](#)

VA H 1955 Wireless Communication Devices**2009 Status:** Failed - Died**Date of Last Action:** 01/14/2009***Author:** Mathieson (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Provides that, with certain exceptions, no person may use a mobile telephone or other wireless electronic telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle on any public highway in the Commonwealth unless such mobile telecommunications device is equipped with a hands-free accessory.**History:** [Click for History](#)

VA H 2380 Text Messaging and Emailing While Driving**2009 Status:** Failed - HOUSE**Date of Last Action:** 01/14/2009*

Author: Scott J (D)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the highways in the Commonwealth while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of composing or sending any text message or email.**History:** [Click for History](#)**Wisconsin**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

WI S 103

Text Messaging While Driving

2009

Status: Pending - Senate Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**Date of Last Action:** 03/03/2009***Author:** Lasee (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons using electronic text messaging devices, provides a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)

WI S 355

Electronic Text Messaging Devices

2008

Status: Failed - SENATE**Date of Last Action:** 12/13/2007***Author:** Lasee (R) **Additional Authors:** Wasserman (D);Staskunas (D);Carpenter (D);Hahn (R);Musser (R);Ott (R);Olsen (R);Berceau (D);Breske (D);Albers (R);Cowles (R);Nygren (R);Darling (R);Ellis (R);Risser (D);Schultz (R);Bies (R);Hansen (D);Van Roy (R);Taylor (D);Nelson (D);Nerison (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons using electronic text messaging devices and providing a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)

WI S 442

Cellular Telephones

2008

Status: Failed - SENATE**Date of Last Action:** 03/12/2008***Author:** Carpenter (D) **Additional Authors:** Ott (R);Lehman (D);Turner (D);Boyle (D);Schultz (R);Hixson (D);Kerkman (R);Pope-Roberts (D);Zepnick (D);Ballweg (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Summary:** Relates to the use of cellular telephones and other devices while operating certain motor vehicles transporting children and provides a penalty.**History:** [Click for History](#)**West Virginia**[Bill Text Lookup](#)

WV S 137

Handheld Cell Phones

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**Date of Last Action:** 01/09/2008***Author:** Guills (R)**Topics:** Distracted Driving**Associated Bills:** WV H 4047 - Similar to**Summary:** Prohibits the use of handheld cell phones while driving.**History:** [Click for History](#)

WV S 637

Texting While Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee**Date of Last Action:** 03/19/2009***Author:** Unger (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: WV H 2621 - Same as

Summary: Prohibits texting while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

WV H 2621

Cell Phone Use

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Conference Committee

Date of Last Action: 04/09/2009*

Author: Guthrie (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: WV S 637 - Same as

Summary: Prohibits the use of cell phone and text-messaging devices while operating a motor vehicle except when using a hands-free device or in the case of an emergency.

History: [Click for History](#)

WV H 2995

Text Messaging

2009

Status: Failed - Adjourned - House Judiciary Committee

Date of Last Action: 03/09/2009*

Author: Eldridge (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: WV S 131 - Similar to

Summary: Prohibits text messaging by use of a cell phone or personal digital assistant while driving.

History: [Click for History](#)

WV H 4047

Use of Cell Phone

2008

Status: Failed - Adjourned - Senate Judiciary Committee

Date of Last Action: 02/19/2008*

Author: Guthrie (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Associated Bills: WV S 137 - Similar to;WV S 313 - Similar to

Summary: Prohibits the use of cell phone and text-messaging devices while operating a motor vehicle except when using a hands-free device or in the case of an emergency.

History: [Click for History](#)

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WY S 63

Text Messages While Driving Prohibited

2009

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/29/2009*

Author: Esquibel F (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the use of cellular and satellite telephones for receiving or sending text or electronic mail messages while operating a motor vehicle, provides exceptions, provides definitions, provides penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)

WY S 64

Use Of Mobile Communications While Driving

2009

Status: Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 01/13/2009*

Author: Esquibel F (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the use of cellular and satellite telephones while driving as specified, provides exceptions, provides definitions, provides penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)

WY S 65

Cellular Phone Use Prohibited While Driving

2009 **Status:** Failed - Adjourned - Indefinitely Postponed

Date of Last Action: 01/28/2009*

Author: Esquibel F (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the use of cellular and satellite telephones for certain drivers while driving as specified, provides exceptions, provides definitions, provides penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)

WY H 70 **Distracted Driving**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 02/11/2008*

Author: Esquibel (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the use of wireless communications devices by specified licensees while driving, provides exceptions, provides definitions, provides penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)

WY H 94 **Wireless Communications Devices While Driving**

2008 **Status:** Failed - Died

Date of Last Action: 02/11/2008*

Author: Esquibel (D)

Topics: Distracted Driving

Summary: Relates to motor vehicles, prohibits the use of wireless communications devices while driving, provides exceptions, provides definitions, provides penalties.

History: [Click for History](#)