

<u>State</u>	<u>Bill Number(s)</u>	<u>Date Introduced</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Limited Groups?</u>	<u>Exceptions?</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Road Type</u>	<u>Separate From Other "Distractions"?</u>	<u>Primary/Secondary</u>	<u>Specific Only to Texts?</u>	<u>Device Description</u>
Alabama	H 17	2/5/2008	Failed	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 (including for text messaging); provides for progressive fines for first and successive violations.	17 and younger	No	Fine	Any	Yes	Either	No	Cell phone/wireless phone/wireless communication device
Arizona	H 2396	1/17/2008	Failed	Prohibits text messaging while driving.	No	Law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, commercial drivers license holders, public transit personnel, person reporting criminal activity, person in physical danger, specified emergency situations	Fine	Any	Yes		Yes	Cellular telephone/personal digital assistant (defined)
Hawaii	H 2299	1/16/2008	Failed	Prohibits text messaging while operating a motor vehicle; provides fine for violation of the prohibition; relates to traffic violations.	No	Emergency vehicles, operation of GPS, making a telephone call, reporting illegal activity, emergency calls, preventing injury to someone, relay information to operator	Fine	Any	Yes		Yes	electronic wireless communication device
	H 2616/S 2366	1/18/2008	Failed	Prohibits texting using electronic wireless communication while driving.	No	authorized emergency vehicles, reporting a crime or summoning emergency help		Any	Yes		Yes	electronic wireless communication device
	S 2471	1/18/2008	Failed	Prohibits text messaging while driving; provides limited exceptions; relates to traffic violation.	No	emergency vehicles, reporting illegal activity, summon emergency help, prevent injury, relay information to operator	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	electronic wireless communication device
	S 2756	1/22/2008	Failed	Prohibits text messaging while driving; provides limited exceptions; relates to traffic violation.	No	emergency vehicles, reporting illegal activity, summon emergency help, prevent injury, relay information to operator, GPS	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	electronic wireless communication device
	H 3005	1/22/2008	Failed	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.	No	law enforcement personnel in official capacity or emergency personnel		Any	Yes		Yes	Cellular phone
Iowa	S 2104	2/6/2008	Failed	Relates to text messaging and the use of cellular telephones by certain minor motor vehicle operators and making penalties applicable.	No	When vehicle is at a complete stop off the roadway	Fine	Highway	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
	H 2059	1/23/2008	Failed	Relates to text messaging and the use of cellular telephones by certain minor motor vehicle operators and making penalties applicable.	Instruction permit and intermediate license holders	Emergency calls; complete stop off the roadway	Fine	Highway	Yes		Yes	Handheld cellular telephone
Illinois	H 4998	2/13/2008	Pending	Amends the Vehicle Code and creates the offense of distracted driving by operating a motor vehicle while doing anything that distracts from driving in a lawful manner.	No	No		Any	No	Secondary	Yes	No
Kansas	S 294	2/6/2007	Failed	Regulates traffic; prohibits the sending, reading or writing of text messages while operating a motor vehicle.	Instruction permit and restricted license holders	No	Fine/Suspension	Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
Kentucky	S 116	01/28/2008	Failed	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.	No	GPS Devices	Fine	Public Highway	Yes	Secondary	Yes	Wireless communication Device
Louisiana	S 137	3/31/2008	Enacted	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.	No	Emergency personnel, reporting illegal activity, summon emergency help, prevent injury, relay information to operator, using GPS, medical professional communicating with hospital	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	Hands-Free Wireless Telephone
	S 159	3/31/2008	Enacted	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.	Minors	Driver Emergencies		Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
	H 852	3/31/2008	Failed	Prohibits the use of a wireless telephone or electronic communications device while driving.	No	Driver Emergency	Fines	Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
Maine	H 143	1/16/2007	Enacted	Prohibits a person who has not attained 18 years of age from using a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle; makes the offense a traffic infraction; prohibits use of electronic devices for games, electronic mail and text messaging while driving.	Minors Under 18	No	Fine	Any	Yes		No	Handheld Electronic Device
Mass.	H 4477	1/15/2008	Pending	Regulates the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.	No	Emergency, vehicle is stationary, emergency personnel	Fine	Any	Yes	Primary	No	Mobile Electronic Device

<b>Maryland</b>	H 380	1/28/2008	Failed	Prohibits a person from using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle.	No	No	Fine	Any	Yes	Yes	Text Messaging Device	
	S 461/H 695	1/31/2008	Failed	Repeals the limitation on police to enforce only as a secondary violation a prohibition against a young holder of learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license from using a wireless communication device while driving.	Instructional/Learner's Permit Holders	Emergency Purposes	Suspension	Any	Yes	Primary	Yes	Wireless communication Device
	H 1281	2/8/2008	Failed	Extends the period of time during which specified driving restrictions apply to specified holder of learner's instructional permits or provisional driver's licenses.	Learner's Permit Holders under 18	Emergency Purposes	Suspension	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	Wireless communication Device
	H 1110	2/7/2008	Failed	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.	No	Emergency Personnel		Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
	S 2	1/9/2008	Failed	Prohibits a driver of a certain school vehicle from using certain wireless communication devices; prohibits a holder of learner's permit or provisional driver's license from driving a motor vehicle while using certain wireless communication devices.	Certain school vehicles, permit holders over 18, certain vehicle drivers	No	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	Wireless communication Device
<b>Michigan</b>	H 4982	6/27/2007	Pending	Prohibits the use of mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle.	No	Emergency Purposes		Any	Yes	No	Cellular Telephone Device	
	S 1036	1/22/2008	Pending	Allows drivers to use hands-free wireless phones, but not for text messaging.	No	Reporting emergencies or hands-free devices			Yes	No	Cellular Telephone Device	
<b>Minnesota</b>	H 1822	3/7/2008	Failed	Relates to transportation; requires that mobile telephones used in motor vehicles be hands-free; provides a defense.	No	Emergency purposes/Hands-free devices		Any	Yes	Secondary	No	Cellular Phone
	H 3800	3/4/2008	Enacted	Relates to transportation; relates to safety improvements for wireless communication devices and driving, prohibiting text messaging while driving.	No	Emergency purposes, hands-free device, emergency personnel for official purposes		Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
<b>Missouri</b>	H 1702	1/16/2008	Failed	Creates the crime of using a mobile communication device while operating a motor vehicle if the driver is younger than eighteen years of age.	Under 18	GPS Devices	Fine	Any	Yes	No	Mobile Communication Device	
<b>Nebraska</b>	L 415	1/16/2007	Enacted (over veto)	Changes provisions relating to provisional operator's permits, school permits and learner permits; prohibits use of an interactive wireless communication device while driving; includes cellular phones, text messaging or laptop computers	Provisional license holders; school permit holders; LPE-learner's permit holders; LPD-learner's permit holders	No	Revocation of permit until age 16	Highway	No	Secondary	No	Interactive Wireless Communication Device
<b>New Hampshire</b>	H 1222	1/2/2008	Pending	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.	No	Emergency personnel, reporting illegal activity, summon emergency help, prevent injury, relay information to operator, using GPS	Fine	Any	Yes		Yes	Electronic or Communications Device
<b>New Jersey</b>	S 1541	3/17/2008	Pending	Requires \$10 of penalty for unlawful wireless telephone use in motor vehicle be paid to Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf.	No	One hand may be used if in emergency, reporting an emergency or reckless driving, using hands-free device	Fine	Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless communication Device
<b>New York</b>	S 580/A 6635	1/3/2007	Pending	Prohibits the use of hand held communication devices while operating a vehicle on a public highway.	No	Emergency, emergency personnel in their official capacity, hands-free device	Fine	Any	Yes		No	Wireless telephone service
	S 5332	4/25/2007	Pending	Prohibits the use of mobile telephone or wireless devices by certain persons while operating a vehicle.	DJ or MJ Learner's Permit Holders	Emergency situation	Revocation	Any	Yes		No	Mobile telephone/wireless device
	A 7820/S 5527	4/25/2007	Pending	Prohibits the use of mobile telephones to text message while driving.	No	No	Fine	Any	Yes	Primary	Yes	Wireless handset
	A 9520/S 6443	8/8/2007	Pending	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.	No	No		Any	Yes			Hand-held mobile telephone
	A 10533	4/10/2008	Pending	Establishes AJ's law, prohibiting the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving.	No	No		Any	Yes		No	Mobile Telephone
	A 11079	5/14/2008	Pending	Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text-based communication on a mobile telephone while driving by persons age twenty-four years or younger.	24 and younger	Yes		Any	Yes		No	Hand-held mobile telephone
	A 7299/S 3195	2/27/2007	Pending	Prohibits the writing, sending or reading of text messages on a mobile telephone while driving.	No	Emergency situation; emergency personnel in their official capacity		Public Highway	Yes		No	Mobile telephone or portable electronic device
<b>Ohio</b>	H 425	1/8/2008	Pending	Prohibits driving a vehicle while text messaging or typing on a mobile communication device; establishes the violation as a secondary traffic offense.	No	No	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	Mobile Communication Device
<b>Oklahoma</b>	H 2818	2/4/2008	Failed	Relates to motor vehicles; prohibits the holder of a learner permit or an intermediate Class D license from using the any type of interactive wireless communication device.	Learner's Permit Holders	No	Revocation	Any	Yes		No	Interactive Wireless Communication Device
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	HB 2674	6/26/2008	Pending	Amends the Vehicle Code; Defines interactive wireless communications device; Prohibits interactive wireless communications devices.	Learner's Permit/Junior Driver's License Holders	Emergency	Suspension	Any	Yes		No	Interactive Wireless Communication Device

<b>Rhode Island</b>	H 7058	1/8/2008	Failed	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.	No	Emergency personnel in their official capacity; hands-free devices	Fine	Any	Yes	Primary	No	Hand-held mobile telephone
	H 7067	1/9/2008	Failed	Prohibits any minor from sending, writing or reading a text message while driving.	Minors	Emergencies; GPS devices	Fine	Any	Yes		No	Electronic Communication Device
	S 2080	1/15/2008	Failed	Prohibits any minor from sending, writing or reading a text message while driving.	Minors	Emergency; GPS device	Fine	Any	Yes		No	Electronic Communication Device
	H 8092	3/27/2008	Failed	Prohibits text messaging while driving.	No	Emergency personnel; reporting illegal activity or emergency; preventing injury; summon emergency assistance; relay information to an operator;	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	Yes	electronic wireless communication device
<b>Tennessee</b>	H 2618/ S 2669	1/10/2008	Failed	Concerns Motor Vehicles; prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.	No	No	Fine	Any	Yes		Yes	Mobile Telephone/Personal Digital Assistant
<b>Virginia</b>	H 609	1/9/2008	Failed	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.	No	No		Any	Yes		Yes	Certain wireless telecommunications devices
	H 39	1/9/2008	Failed	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.	No	No		Any	Yes		Yes	Wireless telecommunications device
<b>Wisconsin</b>	S 355	12/13/2007	Failed	Relates to restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons using electronic text messaging devices and providing a penalty.	No	Authorized emergency vehicles	Fine with potential for prison	Any	Yes		Yes	Electronic Text Messaging Device
<b>West Virginia</b>	S 313	1/23/2008	Failed	Prohibiting text messaging while driving.	No	Authorized Emergency vehicle; reporting illegal activity; summon emergency or medical help; prevent injury	Fine	Any	Yes		Yes	electronic wireless communication device
	H 4047	1/15/2008	Failed	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.	No	Emergency situations; vehicle is lawfully parked; Authorized emergency vehicle; hands-free	Fine	Any	Yes	Secondary	No	Wireless communication Device
<b>Wyoming</b>	H 70	2/11/2008	Failed	Relates to motor vehicles; prohibits the use of wireless communications devices by specified licensees while driving; provides exceptions; provides definitions; provides penalties.	Instructional permit holder; intermediate permit holder	Emergency purpose; vehicle is lawfully parked; emergency personnel in official capacity	Fine	Any	Yes		No	Wireless communication Device
	H 94	2/11/2008	Failed	Relates to motor vehicles; prohibits the use of wireless communications devices while driving; provides exceptions; provides definitions; provides penalties.	No	Vehicle is lawfully parked; contacting emergency assistance; authorized emergency personnel in official capacity	Fine	Any	Yes		No	Wireless communication Device