



Driver Distraction Bills Introduced in State Legislatures in 2006

Total number of bills = 132
Total number of states = 38
Total number of bills enacted = 8 (7 states)

Alabama

HB 178 Scope: | [young drivers](#) | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Jim McClendon (R) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 4/6/2006

Last Action: Indefinitely postponed

Summary: Prohibits drivers 17 years of age or younger from communicating on mobile telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Enforceable as a primary or secondary offense. Violations punishable by a \$150 fine.

HB 561 Scope: | [other](#) | Technology: only televisions Sponsor: Rep. Rusty Glover (R) and Rep. S. Collier (R) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 2/2/2006

Last Action: To House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Prohibits the video display of pornography in motor vehicles if the pornography can be seen by any person outside the motor vehicle.

SB 411 Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Enfinger (D) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 2/7/2006

Last Action: To Senate Judiciary Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations. Violations are punishable with \$150 fines and 3 points on the driver's record.

Arizona

HB 2099 Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Tom Prezelski (D) et. al. Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 1/11/2006

Last Action: To House Rules Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

HB 2300 Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) | [young drivers](#) | Sponsor: Rep. Martha Garcia (D) et. al. Status: Active

Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
1/17/2006

Last Action: Referred to House Rules Committee

Summary: Prohibits drivers under the age of 18 from using a hand-held phone while operating a motor vehicle. Provides emergency exceptions.

California

AB 963 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Assm. Bonnie Garcia (R) **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
5/22/2006 Active

Last Action: In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee not heard.

Summary: Prohibits drivers with provisional driver's license from using a cell phone or other similar equipment while operating a motor vehicle.

SB 1613 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Joe Simitian (D) **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
8/31/2006 Active

Last Action: Passed Assembly and Senate. To Governor.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Allows exceptions for emergency situations. Violations are punishable by \$20 fines for a first offense and \$50 fines for subsequent offenses.

Connecticut

HB 5214 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** The Joint Judiciary Committee **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
2/24/2006 Active

Last Action: Public Hearing held

Summary: Amends the statewide prohibition on hand-held phone use while driving to allow the use of hand-held phones by certain judicial branch employees, including juvenile detentionh transportation workers and juvenile probation officers.

Delaware

HB 128 **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Deborah Hudson (R) **Status:**
Technology: only televisions **Date of Last Action:**
6/14/2006 Active

Last Action: Passed House. To Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

Summary: This bill prohibits driving a motor vehicle with a television capable of receiving any pre-recorded visual presentation unless the television is behind the driver's seat or not visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

Florida

SB 2528 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Posey (R) **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
5/5/2006 Inactive

Last Action: Died on Calendar

Summary: Prohibits driver who holds a learner's driver's license from using a mobile telephone or personal communications device while operating a motor vehicle.

Georgia

HB 963 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Len Walker (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 2/22/2006

Last Action: House Second Readers

Summary: Prohibits drivers under the age of 17 from using any mobile telephone or similar device while operating a motor vehicle.

Hawaii

HB 1805 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Reps. Souki (D), Caldwell (D) and Lee (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 2/16/2006

Last Action: To House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations and emergency personnel. Violations are punishable by fines not to exceed \$100.

HB 1824 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Blake Oshiro (D) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 2/11/2006

Last Action: Committee recommends measure be deferred.

Summary: Prohibits holders of instruction permits from using a cell phone while driving.

SB 2205 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Will Espero (D) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 2/13/2006

Last Action: Committee deferred measure.

Summary: Prohibits drivers with temporary instruction permits from using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.

SB 2457 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Lorraine Inouye (D) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 2/13/2006

Last Action: Committee deferred measure.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

SB 2695 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 1/30/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation and Government Operations Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of all cell phones while operating motor vehicles. Provides an affirmative defense for use in emergency situations.

SB **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Suzanne **Status:**

2696 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Chun Oakland (D) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
1/30/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation and Government Operations Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides emergency exceptions.

Illinois

HJR 91 **Scope:** | [data collection](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Richard Bradley (D) **Status:** Enacted
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
5/3/2006

Last Action: Adopted

Summary: Requests that accident reports include information about cell phone involvement in motor vehicle crashes. Requires the Department of Transportation to compile statistics regarding cell phone involvement in motor vehicle crashes.

Indiana

HB 1218 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Terri Austin (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
1/10/2006

Last Action: To House Roads and Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits drivers with only a learner's permit or a probationary license from operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

Iowa

HB 2033 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Kurt Swaim (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
1/18/2006

Last Action: To House Transportation Committee subcommittee assignments

Summary: Prohibits drivers with an instruction permit or intermediate license from using a hand-held phone while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

HB 2196 **Scope:** | [increased negligence](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Libby Jacobs (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
2/6/2006

Last Action: In House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Triples the fine for traffic violations if the driver committed the violation while using a cell phone.

SB 2009 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Keith Kreiman (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
1/9/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits drivers under the age of 18 with a restricted license from using a hand-held phone while operating a motor vehicle.

SSB
3053

Scope: | [young drivers](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Department of
Transportation
Date of Last Action:
1/31/2006

Status:
Active

Last Action: Introduced and referred to Senate Transportation Committee

Summary: Contains many provisions related to teen drivers including: a person under eighteen years of age shall not operate or utilize a mobile telephone, two-way radio, wireless electronic mail device, two-way pager, or any other device used for remote two-way communication while operating a motor vehicle on the roadway.

Kansas

SB 346

Scope: | [other](#) |
Technology: only televisions

Sponsor: Sen. Phillip
Journey (R)
Date of Last Action:
3/20/2006

Status:
Inactive

Last Action: Failed in House

Summary: Amended existing prohibition on the operation of television type equipment within the view of the driver to include video type equipment.

Kentucky

BR
76/HB
9

Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Marcotte
(R)
Date of Last Action:
1/4/2006

Status:
Active

Last Action: To House Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of mobile phones while driving except in "safe areas" which include the shoulder of the road and rest areas. Provides exceptions for hands-free phones and emergency personnel and situations.

HB 714

Scope: | [school bus](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Rep. Milward
Dedman (R) and Rep. Joe
Bowen (R)
Date of Last Action:
2/28/2006

Status:
Active

Last Action: To Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of a mobile phone or other wireless communications device while operating a school bus.

Louisiana

HB
1013

Scope: | [young drivers](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Rep. Dale Erdey (R)
Date of Last Action:
5/1/2006

Status:
Inactive

Last Action: Failed to pass the House

Summary: Prohibits any driver, regardless of age, from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle for one year after being issued a state driver's license. The prohibition would not apply to drivers who previously possessed licenses from other jurisdictions or if the driver is using a hands-free device that can be activated and operated without using the driver's hands. Provides exceptions for emergency personnel and people who are contacting emergency personnel, or drivers who are parked. A first offense can be punished by a \$150 fine, 16 hours of community service or both. Second and subsequent offenses can be punished by \$225 fines, 24 hours community service, or both.

HB 240 Scope: | other | Technology: only televisions Sponsor: Rep. Hunter Greene (R) Status: Enacted
Date of Last Action: 7/5/2006

Last Action: Enacted as Act 751

Summary: Prohibits the operation of DVD players in motor vehicles in view of the driver or forward of the driver's seat.

HB 321 Scope: | hand-held restrictions | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Gary Smith (D) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/27/2006

Last Action: To House Transportation Highways and Public Works Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency situations and emergency personnel. Violations are punishable by a \$25 fine.

HB 725 Scope: | hand-held restrictions | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Regina Ashford Barrow (D) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/27/2006

Last Action: To House Transportation Highways and Public Works Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations and emergency personnel. Violations can be punished with a \$25 fine.

SB 164 Scope: | young drivers | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Sen. Willie Mount (D) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 5/17/2006

Last Action: Reconsidered by Senate.

Summary: Prohibits all drivers under age 18 from using any phone while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for contacting emergency personnel or drivers who are parked. Violations are punishable by a \$100 fine for a first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$500 and a 90 day license suspension for a third offense.

Maryland

HB 30 Scope: | broad distraction | other | school bus | young drivers | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Del. John Arnick (D) et. al. Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/7/2006

Last Action: From House Environmental Matters Committee reported unfavorably.

Summary: Creates a broad distracted driving offense that includes a prohibition of driving while reading, writing, performing personal grooming, interacting with pets or performing other behaviors unrelated to driving. Prohibits drivers of certain school vehicles from using phones while operating the vehicle. Prohibits drivers over the age of 18 who only have an instructional permit from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 817 Scope: | other | school bus | Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Delegates Kelley (D), Parker (D) and V. Turner (D) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/7/2006

Last Action: From House Environmental Matters Committee reported unfavorably

Summary: Prohibits school bus driver from using a wireless communications device while a vehicle is in motion. Prohibits a driver of a commercial vehicle from using a hand-held wireless communications device while driving. Provides for a \$250 fine for violations.

Massachusetts

HB 2035 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only **Sponsor:** Representative Cory Atkins (D) **Status:** Active
Date of Last Action: 3/30/2006

Last Action: Substituted by HB 4819.

Summary: This bill would prohibit the use of hand-held cell phones by persons operating motor vehicles.

HB 2046 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) | [young drivers](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only **Sponsor:** Representative Thomas J. O'Brien (D) **Status:** Inactive
Date of Last Action: 3/30/2006

Last Action: Substituted by HB 4819

Summary: This bill would prohibit the use of a cellular telephone by junior operators while driving.

HB 2051 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only **Sponsor:** Representative Paul C. Casey (D) **Status:** Inactive
Date of Last Action: 3/30/2006

Last Action: Substituted by HB 4819

Summary: This bill would prohibit the use of mobile telephones while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 2067 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) |
Technology: all **Sponsor:** Representative J. James Marzilli, Jr. (D) **Status:** Inactive
Date of Last Action: 3/30/2006

Last Action: From Joint Transportation Committee amended by substitution of HB 4819.

Summary: This bill would prohibit the use of citizens band radios and mobile telephones by operators of motor vehicles.

HB 2094 **Scope:** | [other](#) |
Technology: only televisions **Sponsor:** Rep. James Leary (D) et. al **Status:** Active
Date of Last Action: 6/22/2006

Last Action: From Joint Transportation Committee accompanied Study Order H 5086.

Summary: Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle when a television or video screen may be seen from the driver's seat.

HB 2133 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) |
Technology: all **Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D) **Status:** Inactive
Date of Last Action: 3/30/2006

Last Action: From Joint Transportation Committee amended by substitution of HB 4819.

Summary: This bill proposes prohibiting the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 2177 **Scope:** | [other](#) |
Technology: only televisions **Sponsor:** House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. **Status:** Active
Date of Last Action: 6/22/2006

Last Action: From Joint Transportation Committee accompanied Study Order H 5086.

Summary: This bill would prohibit video devices in certain locations within a motor vehicle.

HB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Rep. Bradley Jones **Status:**
2177 **Technology:** only televisions (R) et. al Active
Date of Last Action:
3/2/2006

Last Action: In Joint Transportation Committee set aside for study

Summary: Prohibits televisions, video equipment and similar devices in the front-most area of motor vehicles. Provides exceptions for On-Star and similar devices.

HB **Scope:** | hand-held restrictions | **Sponsor:** Transportation **Status:**
4819 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Committee Active
Date of Last Action:
5/1/2006

Last Action: Discharged to Committee on Ways and Means

Summary: Prohibits the holder of a junior operator's license from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle. Eliminates the state provision that allows cell phone use while driving as long as one hand remains on the steering wheel. Requires drivers use hands-free phones. Provides exceptions for emergency personnel and emergency situations. Substitute for HB 2035, HB 2046, HB 2051, HB 2067 and HB 2133.

SB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Sens. Jarrett **Status:**
1864 **Technology:** only televisions Barrios (D) and Timothy Active
Toomey (D)
Date of Last Action:
3/20/2006

Last Action: From Joint Transportation Committee accompanied study order S 2417.

Summary: Prohibits drivers from utilizing a viewer, screen or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or video feed while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for viewers or screens that are not visible to the operator or devices used exclusively for an automobile navigation and guidance system.

SB **Scope:** | young drivers | **Sponsor:** Senator Jarrett T. **Status:**
1868 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Barrios (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
3/2/2006

Last Action: In Joint Transportation Committee set aside for study.

Summary: This bill provides that a person holding a junior operator's license shall not use a mobile telephone while driving. In addition, it provides that a violation of this section shall be punishable by a suspension of a junior operator's license for not more than 1 year and fine of not more than \$100.

SB **Scope:** | young drivers | **Sponsor:** Senator Steven A. **Status:**
1968 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Tolman (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
3/20/2006

Last Action: From Joint Transportation Committee accompanied study order S 2417

Summary: This bill provides that a person holding a junior operator's license shall not use a mobile telephone while driving. Further, it provides that a violation of this section shall be punishable by a suspension of a junior operator's license for not more than 1 year and fine of not more than \$100.

Michigan

HB **Scope:** | data collection | increased **Sponsor:** Rep. Tom Pearce (**Status:**
5483 **Technology:** mobile telephones only negligence | young drivers | R) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
12/6/2005

Last Action: To House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Adds 1 point to a driver's record for each conviction or court determination if the

traffic citation indicates that the use of a cell phone contributed to the traffic violation. Also increases fines by \$25 if a cell phone contributed to the traffic violation. Prohibits drivers with a temporary instruction permit or a level 1 or level 2 graduated license from using a hand-held phone while driving. Requires the state police to make a report to the legislature whether using a hands-free device would improve traffic safety. Senate version of this bill is SB 814.

SB 814 Scope: | [increased negligence](#) | [other](#) | [young drivers](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Patterson (R) Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 10/19/2005

Last Action: To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy

Summary: Adds one point to the driver's record if it is determined a driver's cell phone use contributed to a traffic violation. Prohibits certain novice drivers from using hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Requires state police to report to the legislature whether further regulation of hand-held phones while driving is in the interests of public safety.

Minnesota

HF 2656 Scope: | [young drivers](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Steve Smith (R) et. al. Status: Enacted
Date of Last Action: 6/2/2006

Last Action: Filed with the Secretary of State as Chapter No. 260

Summary: Part of a large bill adds a misdemeanor penalty to an existing law that prohibits drivers with a learners permit from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle.

HF 3117 Scope: | [increased negligence](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Dan Larson (D) et. al. Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/2/2006

Last Action: To House Committee on Public Safety Policy and Finance

Summary: Increases penalties for traffic violations committed by drivers who are using a cell phone. Provides an affirmative defense for emergency situations.

HF 3182 Scope: | [total prohibition](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Rep. Mike Jaros (D) et. al. Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/8/2006

Last Action: To House Public Safety, Policy and Finance Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of all mobile telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Enforceable as a secondary offense. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

SF 2642 Scope: | [increased negligence](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Sen. Scott Dibble (D) et. al. Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/23/2006

Last Action: From Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee do pass as amended.

Summary: Enhances penalties for traffic infractions committed while a driver is using a cell phone. Provides exceptions for emergency situations. Companion to HF 3117.

SF 2692 Scope: | [total prohibition](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only Sponsor: Sen. Charles Wiger (D) et. al. Status: Active
Date of Last Action: 3/2/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of all mobile telephones while operating a motor vehicle.

Enforceable as a secondary offense. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

SF 2774 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Gen Olson (R) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 3/8/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation Committee

Summary: Amends existing restriction on younger driver cell phone use to make the offense a petty misdemeanor.

Mississippi

HB 1 **Scope:** | [increased negligence](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Ferr Smith (D) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Transportation Committee

Summary: Requires the the commissioner of public safety must suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of any moving traffic offense resulting in the injury or damage to another person or to another person's property if the motor vehicle operator was using a cellular telephone during the commission of the offense.

HB 32 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Erik Fleming (D) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Prohibits holders of a temporary drivers permit or intermediate license from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 325 **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Cecil Brown (D) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: only televisions
Date of Last Action: 1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Prohibits the installation or operation of televisions in motor vehicles within the view of the driver. Provides exceptions for navigation systems, law enforcement vehicles, closed circuit video monitors used for rear view systems and certain vehicles used by utility companies in their official capacity.

HB 382 **Scope:** | [increased negligence](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Ferr Smith (D) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Creates a misdemeanor offense of causing an accident while using a cell phone or similar device. Maximum fines are \$1000.

HB 641 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Alyce Clarke (D) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action: 1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exception for calls to E911.

HB 89 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Billy Broomfield (D) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only
Date of Last Action:

1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides for emergency exceptions.

HB 90 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. John Mayo **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only (D) Inactive
Date of Last Action:
1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving.

HB 91 **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Denny (**Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only R) Inactive
Date of Last Action:
1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Provides that state law preempts any local ordinance related to inattentive driving or cell phones while driving.

SB 2634 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Deborah **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Dawkins (D) Inactive
Date of Last Action:
1/31/2006

Last Action: Died in Committee

Summary: Prohibits certain novice drivers from using cell phones while operating motor vehicles, including motorcycle operators under age 18 and temporary or intermediate license holders.

Missouri

HB 1337 **Scope:** | [school bus](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Robert **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Schaaf (R) Active
Date of Last Action:
2/2/2006

Last Action: To House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee

Summary: Prohibits school bus drivers from using a cell phone while operating a school bus.

HB 1630 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Jason Brown **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only (R) Active
Date of Last Action:
3/1/2006

Last Action: To House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee.

Summary: Prohibits drivers under age 18 from using a mobile communication device while driving. Punishable by a \$10 fine.

Nebraska

LB 1108 **Scope:** | [broad distraction](#) | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Jim Cudaback **Status:**
[school bus](#) | [total prohibition](#) | [young](#) **Date of Last Action:** Inactive
[drivers](#) | 4/13/2006
Technology: all

Last Action: Indefinitely postponed

Summary: Prohibits the operation and installation of video monitors or similar devices where they are visible to the driver. Provides exceptions for vehicle information systems

and certain types of navigational and safety systems. Prohibits inattentive driving when driver inattention is caused by reading, writing, personal grooming, interacting with pets and other activities. Prohibits the use of an interactive wireless communications device while driving when the screen is visible to the driver. Also prohibits the use of an interactive wireless communications device while operating a school bus. Prohibits drivers with learner's permits or other beginner licenses from using interactive wireless communications device while driving.

LB 768 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Jim Cudaback **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** Inactive
4/13/2006

Last Action: Indefinitely postponed

Summary: Prohibits holders of provisional operators permits, learner's permits, school permits and other permits from using mobile telephones while operating a motor vehicle.

New Hampshire

HB 1270 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Paula **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Johnson (D) Inactive
Date of Last Action:
2/16/2006

Last Action: From House Transportation Committee ought not to pass

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency personnel and situations. Fines for convictions range from \$100 - \$250. Enforced as a secondary offense.

New Jersey

AB 1150 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Assm. Ronald **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Dancer (R) Active
Date of Last Action:
1/10/2006

Last Action: Introduced

Summary: Changes current fine for hand-held phone use from between \$100 to \$250 to a straight \$50 fine. Previously AB 3240. Identical to SB 1893.

AB 1677 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Assm. Peter **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Barnes (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
1/10/2006

Last Action: Introduced

Summary: Amends existing law to make hand-held cell phone use while driving a primary offense. AB 4525 last session. Identical to SB 2852.

AB 1966 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | [other](#) **Sponsor:** Assm. John **Status:**
| Wisniewski (D) Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
1/10/2006

Last Action: Introduced

Summary: Makes the use of a hand-held phone while driving a primary offense. Creates the presumption that holding a hand-held phone to the ear is use. Stipulates that the fine for an offense is \$100. Prohibits a driver from engaging in any activity unrelated to the safe operation of the vehicle. AB 4461 in previous session.

AB 347 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) | **Sponsor:** Assm. Larry **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Chatzidakis (R) Active
Date of Last Action:
1/10/2006

Last Action: Introduced

Summary: Prohibits the use of mobile phones while driving. The bill was introduced in January 2002. It was also introduced in the 2000-2001 session as AB 408 and in the 1998-1999 session as AB 2694. In 2004 Introduced as AB 965.

AB 391. **Scope:** | broad distraction | data **Sponsor:** Sen. Richard **Status:**
AB collection | Codey (D) Active
3159. **Technology:** all **Date of Last Action:**
SB 5/11/2006
1851

Last Action: Introduced. To Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans Affairs.

Summary: Requires driver distractions to be noted in traffic accidents. Officers must note whether a driver was distracted and the type of distraction. Distractions include wireless phones, pagers, cd players, radios, fax machines, food, grooming, unattended pets.

SB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Sen. Anthony **Status:**
1039 **Technology:** only televisions Bucco (R) Active
Date of Last Action:
1/17/2006

Last Action: To Senate Committee on Law and Public Safety and Veterans Affairs

Summary: Prohibits the display of obscene materials in motor vehicles. SB 2271 in previous sessions.

SB **Scope:** | hand-held restrictions | other **Sponsor:** Sen. Richard **Status:**
1099 | Codey (D) et. al. Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
2/27/2006

Last Action: To Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

Summary: Makes the unlawful use of a hand-held phone while driving a primary offense. In previous session SB 2852.

SB **Scope:** | data collection | **Sponsor:** Sen. Richard **Status:**
1851 **Technology:** all Codey (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
5/11/2006

Last Action: Introduced as SB 1851. To Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee

Summary: Requires driver distractions to be noted in traffic accident reports. Defines "driver distractions" as wireless phones, radios, food, etc. Bill numbers in prior sessions are AB 3159, AB 391 and AB 3690. Identical to AB 2265.

SB **Scope:** | hand-held restrictions | **Sponsor:** Sen. Codey (D), **Status:**
2852 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Sen. Palaia (R), Sen. Bark (Active
R)
Date of Last Action:
2/6/2006

Last Action: From Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

Summary: Makes existing prohibition of hand-held phone use while driving a primary offense. Identical to AB 4525.

New York

AB **Scope:** | broad distraction | **Sponsor:** Assm. David Gantt **Status:**
3518 **Technology:** mobile telephones only (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
3/7/2006

Last Action: To Assembly Codes Committee

Summary: Previously AB 3546 in 2004 session. Prohibits inattentive driving. Inattentive

driving is defined as a non-driving activity that unreasonably interferes with the free and proper use of the public highway. Provides that inattentive driving is a traffic infraction. Any person who is guilty of three inattentive driving violations during an 18-month period is guilty of reckless driving.

AB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Assm. Jose Peralta **Status:**
3917 **Technology:** only televisions (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
5/16/2006

Last Action: Amended in Assembly Codes Committee

Summary: Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle on a public highway which is equipped with a video receiving set or screen within the view of the operator. Provides exceptions for vehicle information displays, global positioning and mapping displays and visual displays which enhance the driver's view of the exterior of the vehicle for the purposes of maneuvering.

AB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Assm. Felix Ortiz **Status:**
4399 **Technology:** mobile telephones only (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
1/4/2006

Last Action: To Assembly Ways and Means Committee

Summary: Prohibits dialing a phone while operating a motor vehicle.

AB 517 **Scope:** | data collection | **Sponsor:** Assm. Felix Ortiz **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
3/9/2006

Last Action: Advanced to third reading

Summary: Requires police motor vehicle accident reports to include information about whether cellular or digital PCS telephones were present in vehicles and whether the use of such devices are known or suspected as a contributing factor in such an accident.

AB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Assm. Louis **Status:**
8306 **Technology:** only televisions Mosiello (R) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
5/16/2006

Last Action: Held for consideration in Transportation

Summary: Amends prohibitions on televisions in motor vehicles to also prohibit video receivers, portable computers, or any other technological means of creating a visual display within the view of the driver.

AB **Scope:** | young drivers | **Sponsor:** Assm. Felix Ortiz **Status:**
9210 **Technology:** mobile telephones only (D) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
1/4/2006

Last Action: To Assembly Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of all cell phones while driving for people with a restricted license, people with a learner's permits, people under 20 years old, and drivers with less than two years driving experience.

AB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Assm. Adriano **Status:**
9667 **Technology:** only televisions Espaillat (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
1/25/2006

Last Action: To Assembly Codes Committee

Summary: Provides that the display of offensive sexual material on a video display on in any other manner in a motor vehicle is within a class A misdemeanor offense for public display of offensive sexual material.

SB **Scope:** | other | **Sponsor:** Sen. Carl **Status:**
1310 **Technology:** only televisions Marcellino (R) Active

Date of Last Action:

4/24/2006

Last Action: Passed Senate, to Assembly, referred to Transportation.

Summary: Prohibits operation of a motor vehicle with a video monitor that is forward of the drivers seat that plays pre-recorded programming or other similar means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications.

SB 675 Scope: | other |
Technology: only televisions

Sponsor: Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky (D) **Status:** Active
Date of Last Action: 1/9/2006

Last Action: Enacting clause stricken

Summary: Identical to AB 1577. Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle if a video monitor, television or video screen, or any other similar device that produces entertainment or business applications is located in the motor vehicle within view of the driver. The provisions of this bill do not apply to a vehicle information display, a global positioning display, a mapping display, a visual display used to enhance or supplement the driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle or to any motor vehicle providing emergency road service or roadside assistance. The legislation also does not apply to a television receiver, video monitor, television or video screen, or any other similar means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video signal if such equipment has an interlock device that, when the motor vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for all uses except as a visual display as described above. It also does not apply to a self-contained motor home that is in excess of twenty-one feet in length.

North Carolina

HB 2206 Scope: | young drivers |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Rep. Clary (R) and Rep. McAllister (D) **Status:** Active
Date of Last Action: 5/18/2006

Last Action: To House Judiciary Committee.

Summary: Prohibits drivers under age 18 and holders of provisional licenses from using mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle. Violations are punishable by an extension of the driver's provisional licensing period.

SB 1289 Scope: | young drivers |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Sen. Stan Bingham (R) **Status:** Enacted
Date of Last Action: 8/1/2006

Last Action: Signed by Governor Ch. SL 2006-177

Summary: Prohibits all drivers under age 18 from using a mobile telephone or technology associated with a mobile telephone while a motor vehicle is in motion. Provides exceptions for emergency situations. Violations are punishable by a \$25 fine. Also prohibits permit holders and provisional license holders from using a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle.

Oklahoma

SB 1542 Scope: | young drivers |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Sen. Clark Jolley (R) **Status:** Active
Date of Last Action: 3/28/2006

Last Action: Passed Senate. From House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee do pass as amended**Summary:** Provides that drivers under the age of 18 that have a learner's permit can only

use a hands-free phone while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

SB **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Constance **Status:**
1629 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Johnson (D) Inactive
Date of Last Action:
3/15/2006

Last Action: Failed to pass Senate

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency situations, commercial vehicles and transit vehicles.

Pennsylvania

HB **Scope:** | [school bus](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Richard Geist **Status:**
1993 **Technology:** mobile telephones only (R) and Rep. Keith McCall Active
(D)
Date of Last Action:
1/26/2006

Last Action: To Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

Summary: Prohibits school bus drivers from using mobile telephones while operating a school bus.

HB **Scope:** | [school bus](#) | [total prohibition](#) **Sponsor:** Rep. Robert Flick (**Status:**
2745 | [young drivers](#) | R) et. al. Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
6/12/2006

Last Action: To House Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits as a secondary offense the use of all mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle. Violations are punishable by a \$10 fine. Prohibits as a primary offense mobile phone use by drivers who hold a learner's permit or junior operator's license and school bus drivers. Violations are punishable by fines up to \$300. An exception is provided for emergency situations.

HB **Scope:** | [school bus](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Joseph **Status:**
2786 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Petrarca (D) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
6/19/2006

Last Action: To House Education Committee

Summary: Prohibits school bus drivers from using a wireless telephone while operating a school bus.

HB **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Josh Shapiro **Status:**
2821 **Technology:** mobile telephones only (D) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
6/21/2006

Last Action: Introduced. To House Transportation Committee.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Violations are punishable by a \$250 fine. Provides exceptions to emergency situations.

Rhode Island

HB **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Peter **Status:**
7370 **Technology:** mobile telephones only Kilmartin (D) et. al. Active
Date of Last Action:
3/22/2006

Last Action: In House Judiciary Committee recommended measure be held for further study.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle or a bicycle.

HB | **Scope:** | [broad distraction](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Peter
7371 | **Technology:** mobile telephones only | Kilmartin (D) et. al. **Status:**
Date of Last Action: Active
3/22/2006

Last Action: In House Judiciary Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Summary: Creates an inattentive driving offense. Prohibits the driver from engaging in any activity not related to the actual operation of a motor vehicle that interferes with the operation of the motor vehicle.

HB | **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Peter
7372 | **Technology:** mobile telephones only | Kilmartin (D) et. al. **Status:**
Date of Last Action: Enacted
6/29/2006

Last Action: Enacted as Public Law 2006-186

Summary: Prohibits the use of all cell phones in motor vehicles by people under age 18 that are operators or passengers in the vehicle.

SB | **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Roger
2062 | [young drivers](#) | Badeau (D) and Sen. Frank **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only | Ciccone (D) Active
Date of Last Action:
3/23/2006

Last Action: In Senate Judiciary Committee, committee recommends measure be held for further study

Summary: Prohibits operators of motor vehicles or bicycles from using hand-held phones. Prohibits drivers 18 years of age and younger from using any phone while operating a motor vehicle

SB | **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. William
2180 | **Technology:** mobile telephones only | Walaska (D) **Status:**
Date of Last Action: Active
5/9/2006

Last Action: Passed Senate, to House.

Summary: Prohibits license permittees and drivers with a provisional license from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle.

SB | **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Susan
2345 | **Technology:** mobile telephones only | Sosnowski (D) et. al. **Status:**
Date of Last Action: Active
3/23/2006

Last Action: In Senate Judiciary Committee, committee recommends measure be held for further study

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides for a \$100 fine for violations. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

SB | **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Joseph
2399 | **Technology:** only televisions | Polisena (D) and Sen. M. **Status:**
Date of Last Action: Active
3/23/2006

Last Action: In Senate Judiciary Committee, committee recommends measure be held for further study

Summary: Prohibits the display of video cassette players within the view of a driver. Provides exception for GPS system.

SB | **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Susan
2451 | **Technology:** mobile telephones only | Sosnowski (D) et. al. **Status:**
Enacted

Date of Last Action:

7/6/2006

Last Action: Enacted as Public Law 2006-322**Summary:** Prohibits drivers under age 18 from using any mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle. Violations are punishable by a \$200 fine.**South Carolina****HB**
4726**Scope:** | hand-held restrictions |
Technology: mobile telephones only**Sponsor:** Rep. Ken Clark (R) et. al.**Status:**
Active**Date of Last Action:**
2/28/2006**Last Action:** To House Education and Public Works Committee**Summary:** Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle.**SB**
1269**Scope:** | young drivers |
Technology: mobile telephones only**Sponsor:** Sen. David Thomas (R)**Status:**
Active**Date of Last Action:**
3/22/2006**Last Action:** To Senate Transportation Committee**Summary:** Prohibits anyone under age 20 from using a phone while operating a motor vehicle.**South Dakota****SB 114****Scope:** | other |
Technology: only televisions**Sponsor:** Sen. Ben Nesselhuf (D) et. al.**Status:**
Active**Date of Last Action:**
1/24/2006**Last Action:** To Senate Transportation Committee**Summary:** Modifies existing restriction on television screens in motor vehicles to prohibit video screens in vehicles that are visible to the driver. Provides exceptions for navigational systems.**SB 17****Scope:** | young drivers |
Technology: mobile telephones only**Sponsor:** Sen. Kooistra (R) , Rep. Lange (D)**Status:**
Active**Date of Last Action:**
1/23/2006**Last Action:** Failed to pass Senate**Summary:** Prohibits drivers with an instruction permit or restricted minor's permit from using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.**Tennessee****HB**
1655**Scope:** | hand-held restrictions | other |
Technology: mobile telephones only**Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Maddox (D)**Status:**
Active**Date of Last Action:**
4/5/2006**Last Action:** In Budget Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means Committee recommend passage.**Summary:** Companion to SB 1674. Prohibits the use of hand-held cell phones by drivers who are transporting passengers for a fee.**HB**
1694**Scope:** | other |
Technology: only televisions**Sponsor:** Rep. Paul Stanley (R)**Status:**
Active

Date of Last Action:
4/20/2006

Last Action: Re-refer to Judiciary.

Summary: Prohibits DVDs from being shown in the driver's view while the vehicle is in motion. Companion to SB 1561.

HB 3838 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Henri Brooks (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
4/12/2006

Last Action: In House Transportation Committee Placed on Calendar for Public Safety Subcommittee

Summary: Provides that no person with a learner's permit or intermediate license may operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone. Violations are punishable by fines and restrictions on the ability to obtain an intermediate or unrestricted license. Provides emergency exceptions. Companion to SB 3955.

SB 1561 **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Jim Tracy (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: only televisions **Date of Last Action:**
4/19/2006

Last Action: Passed Senate, to House.

Summary: Prohibits DVDs from being shown in the driver's view while the vehicle is in motion. Companion to HB 1694.

SB 2740 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Tim Burchett (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
2/16/2006

Last Action: Referred to Transportation Committee.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

SB 3955 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Steve Cohen (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
3/12/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation Committee

Summary: Provides that no person with a learner's permit or intermediate license may operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone. Violations are punishable by fines and restrictions on the ability to obtain an intermediate or unrestricted license. Provides emergency exceptions. Companion to HB 3838

Utah

HB 423 **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Wayne Harper (R) **Status:** Enacted
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**
3/20/2006

Last Action: Chaptered as Capter No. 337

Summary: Prohibits local jurisdictions from restricting driver mobile phone use.

Vermont

HB 563 **Scope:** | [total prohibition](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Betty Nuovo (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:**

1/3/2006

Last Action: To Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of all cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides an exception to call 911. Enforced as a secondary offense.

HB 704 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Sue Minter (D) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 2/3/2006

Last Action: To House Commerce Committee

Summary: Prohibits drivers with a learner permit or junior operator's license from using a cell phone.

Virginia

HB 1494 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Del. Paula Miller (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 2/15/2006

Last Action: Left in Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits drivers with a provisional license from using any phone while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 204 **Scope:** | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Del. Robert Marshall (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: only televisions **Date of Last Action:** 2/1/2006

Last Action: House Engrossment Refused. Floor substitute printed.

Summary: Provides exceptions for the existing state prohibition on televisions in motor vehicles to allow GPS systems and other navigation and vehicle information systems.

HB 213 **Scope:** | [broad distraction](#) | **Sponsor:** Del. Robert Tata (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: all **Date of Last Action:** 2/7/2006

Last Action: In House Transportation Committee tabled

Summary: Prohibits driver or passenger operation of any CD player, radio, or similar entertainment equipment in a manner that impairs the ability of the driver to hear sirens, bells, horns or other warning devices and distracts the driver away from the safe operation of the vehicle.

HB 233 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Del. Dwight Clinton Jones (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 2/7/2006

Last Action: In House Transportation Committee continued to 2007

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides that fines shall not exceed \$50 for violations and no points shall be assessed for violations. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

HB 715 **Scope:** | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Del. Michele McQuigg (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 1/19/2006

Last Action: To Militia, Police and Public Safety Cmte.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations. Violations can be punished by fines not to exceed \$50.

SB 137 Scope: | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Jay O'Brien (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 3/6/2006

Last Action: Passed Senate 1-25-06. Left in House Transportation Committee.

Summary: Prohibits all drivers under the age of 18 from using any phone while operating a motor vehicle.

SB 16 Scope: | [data collection](#) | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Henry Marsh III (D) et. al. **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 1/19/2006

Last Action: Defeated in Committee.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations and emergency personnel. Requires a study regarding the impact of cell phone use on motor vehicle safety. Requires that information about cell phone use be included in crash reports.

SB 533 Scope: | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Jay O'Brien (R) **Status:** Inactive
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 1/19/2006

Last Action: Defeated in Senate Transportation Committee

Summary: Prohibits holders of provisional driver's licenses from using a phone while driving.

Washington

SB 5160 Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracey Eide (D) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 3/8/2006

Last Action: House Transp. Comm. Recommends passage as amended 02/23/06. By Resolution returned to Senate Rules C

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides exceptions for emergency situations. Enforceable as a secondary offense.

West Virginia

HB 3188 Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Delegate Craig P. Blair (R) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 1/11/2006

Last Action: To House Roads and Transportation

Summary: This bill would prohibit the use of a handheld cell phone while driving, and would also provide a penalty for violations.

HB 4634 Scope: | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Del. Corey Palumbo (D) **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only **Date of Last Action:** 2/20/2006

Last Action: To House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of wireless communication devices while driving by minors holding a learner's instructional permit or provisional license.

SB 12 Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Jesse Guills (R) et. al. **Status:** Active
Technology: mobile telephones only

Date of Last Action:

1/11/2006

Last Action: To Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while driving. Provides that no points will be assessed for violations. Same as HB 3188.

SB 219 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Sen. Dan Foster **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only (D) Enacted
Date of Last Action:
3/19/2006

Last Action: Approved by the Governor

Summary: Prohibits drivers with an instruction permit or provisional license from using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

Wisconsin

AB 1113 **Scope:** | [data collection](#) | [increased negligence](#) | **Sponsor:** Assms. Carol Owens (R) and John Ainsworth (R) **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Inactive
Date of Last Action:
5/11/2006

Last Action: Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

Summary: Requires that information about cell phone involvement in motor vehicle crashes be included on the state uniform accident report form. Creates various civil and criminal penalties if the driver primarily responsible for a motor vehicle crash was on the phone and the phone contributed to the cause of the crash.

AB 120 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Assm. Jerry Petrowski (R) **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Inactive
Date of Last Action:
5/11/2006

Last Action: Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

Summary: Prohibits drivers with instruction permit or probationary license from using a wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle.

AB 567 **Scope:** | [broad distraction](#) | [other](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Garey Bies (R) et. al. **Status:**
Technology: only televisions Inactive
Date of Last Action:
5/11/2006

Last Action: Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

Summary: Prohibits inattentive driving. Drivers cannot engage in an activity that interferes or reasonably appears to interfere with a person's ability to safely drive the vehicle. Also prohibits drivers from operating a motor vehicle with a television, film or video located forward of the back of the operators seat.

AB 76 **Scope:** | [young drivers](#) | **Sponsor:** Rep. Tony Staskunas (D) et. al. **Status:**
Technology: mobile telephones only Inactive
Date of Last Action:
5/11/2006

Last Action: Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

Summary: Prohibits holders of instruction permits or provisional licenses from using a mobile phone while operating a motor vehicle. Violations for a first offense are punishable by fines ranging from \$20 - \$40. Violations for subsequent offenses are punishable by fines ranging from \$50 - \$100.

Wyoming

HB 62

Scope: | [hand-held restrictions](#) |
Technology: mobile telephones only

Sponsor: Rep. Floyd
Esquibel (D)
Date of Last Action:
3/8/2006

Status:
Inactive

Last Action: Designated inactive.

Summary: Prohibits the use of hand-held phones while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions for emergency situations.

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