
DIGEST

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HB No. 863

Abstract: Prohibits operators of commercial motor vehicles from using hand-held wireless communication devices and provides for penalties.

Present law provides that all operators of motor vehicles are prohibited from texting while driving and shall be enforced only as a secondary action when the officer detains a driver for another alleged violation.

Proposed law retains present law but states that present law shall not apply to operators of commercial motor vehicles.

Proposed law provides that operators of commercial motor vehicles shall not text or communicate using a hand-held wireless telecommunication device and that the violation shall be enforced as a primary offense.

Proposed law provides for definitions of "hand-held wireless telecommunications device" and "hands-free wireless telecommunications device".

Proposed law provides for penalties.

(Adds R.S. 32:300.5(D) and 300.8)