
DIGEST

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HB No. 1235

Abstract: Prohibits use of wireless telephone or electronic communication devices by operators of moving motor vehicles except when the device is a hands-free wireless telephone or the electronic communication device is used hands-free or for an emergency and provides for penalties.

Proposed law prohibits the use of wireless telephones or electronic communication devices by operators of moving motor vehicles except when the device is a hands-free wireless telephone, or the electronic communication device is used hands-free or for an emergency.

Proposed law defines the terms "electronic communication device", "hands-free wireless telephone", "use", and "wireless telephone".

Proposed law provides that the offense shall be primary.

Proposed law provides that the penalty for a violation of proposed law shall be not less than \$100 for the first violation, not more than \$150 for a second violation, not more than \$200 for a third violation, and not more than \$250 for a fourth or subsequent violation.

Proposed law provides that all fines collected for violations of proposed law shall be transferred to the Transportation Trust Fund.

Effective Jan. 1, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 32:300.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Provided that all fines imposed for violation of proposed law shall be transferred to the Transportation Trust Fund.