# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

# Bill as Introduced

# HB 1118 - AS INTRODUCED

#### 2014 SESSION

14-2106 03/05

HOUSE BILL1118AN ACTprohibiting certain drivers from using hand-held devices for communication.SPONSORS:Rep. Gale, Hills 28; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills 28; Rep. Kelly, Merr 20COMMITTEE:Transportation

# ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the driver of any vehicle carrying passengers for hire or of any school bus carrying any school child from using a hand-held device for communication.

Explanation:Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

# In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT prohibiting certain drivers from using hand-held devices for communication.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

New Section; Rules of the Road; Prohibited Uses of Hand-Held Communications Devices.
 Amend RSA 265 by inserting after section 105-a the following new section:

265:105-b Prohibited Uses of Hand-Held Communications Devices. No driver of any vehicle
carrying passengers for hire or of any school bus carrying any school child shall operate such vehicle
on a public way while using any type of hand-held device for communication while such vehicle is in
motion. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$100.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

Speakers

# SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

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# Hearing Minutes

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1118

BILL TITLE: prohibiting certain drivers from using hand-held devices for communication.

**DATE:** January 14, 2014

LOB ROOM: 203 Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:30 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:36 p.m.

(please circle if present)

<u>Committee Members:</u> Reps. Bouchard, M. O'Brien, Rhodes, Johnsen, Patten, Soucy, C. Williams, Burtis, Patten, O'Flaherty, O'Neil, Sykes, Packard, Grawford, Hikel, Hinch, Straight, T. Walsh, Steven Smith, Chirichiello and Hodgdon.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Gale, Hills 28; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills 28; Rep. Kelly, Merr 20

### TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

\* Rep. Gale prime sponsor of the bill spoke in favor of the bill.

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Respectfully Submitted

George Sykes, Clerk

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

# PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1118

BILL TITLE: relative to restricting usage of cellular phones while driving.

DATE: January 14, 2014

LOB ROOM: 203 Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:30 pm

Time Adjourned: 2:36 pm

(members present in **BOLD**)

Committee Members: Rep. Bouchard, Crawford, Hinch, M. O'Brien, O'Flaherty, Sykes, T. Walsh, Chirichiello, and Hodgdon

**Bill Sponsors:**Rep. Gale, Hills 28; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills 28; Rep.Kelly, Merr 20

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# Sub-Committee Minutes

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

# SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 1360/HB 1117/HB 1118

**BILL TITLE:** prohibiting impeded driving and use of certain electronic devices while driving.

DATE: January 21, 2014

**Subcommittee Members:** Reps. All committee members except Rep. Bouchard

Comments and Recommendations: Genell, Bill – DOT supports except 2-way radios Matt Shipiro - strike ref. to 2 way radios. Add broader wording for "hand held device." New

wording will make law more enforceable.

Rep. Rhodes wants stronger penalities.

Hodges: Is texting part of Driver Ed.?

Driver Ed expert: Recommends minimal distractions.

Pete Stonnor: wants exception for ham radio.

Dave Coltier: Amateur radio - "has been no/few accidents."

Rep. Pantelakos: Strongly in favor.

Rep. Chirichiello: has concerns about enforcement.

ChiefTara Lawrent has concerns about wording – Chief of Police Asso. Supports. Rep. Gale strongly supports consolidation of three bills.

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Moved by Rep.

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Seconded by Rep. Crawford

Vote:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

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Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony



JOHN J. BARTHELMES COMMISSIONER OF SAFETY State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY JAMES H. HAYES BLDG. 33 HAZEN DR. CONCORD, N.H. 03305 603/271-2559

> EARL M. SWEENEY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

# LEGISLATIVE POSITION NH DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

# HB 1118: Prohibiting certain drivers from using hand-held communications devices

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee:

This bill prohibits the driver of any vehicle carrying passengers for hire (such as a taxi or bus) or of any school bus carrying a school child from using a hand-held device for communications while the vehicle is in motion.

We certainly agree with the bill and there are many examples of where this has happened and caused an accident – even on the subway systems of our cities where deadly crashes have occurred because the operator was text messaging or engaging in a phone call. We would support this bill if none of the other bills outlawing cell phone use and text messages are defeated, but we would hate to see the opponents of such legislation use it as an excuse to pass a "half measure" when it clearly is not just bus and taxi drivers who are contributing to the distracted driving problem.

We are pleased that the bill appears to cover both cell phone calls and text messaging, because it prohibits "using any type of hand-held device" to communicate. What it does not address, of course, is the growing body of scientific evidence that tells us that having a hands-free conversation on a cell phone is nearly as dangerous if not the same as using a phone you hold in your hand and dial manually. The conversation you are having is a COGNITIVE disruption that lets your mind wander and takes it away from the driving task. You often find your mind "toggling" back and forth between what is going on in front of you and what is happening with the vehicle and the road.

We should note that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration passed a regulation on January 3, 2012 that in the case of heavy commercial vehicles and buses that carry 15 or more passengers including the driver, bans them from certain mobile phone use. It allows hands-free operation using a wired or wireless earpiece, or the speakerphone option, or one-touch dialing such as Blue Tooth<sup>™</sup> that allows single touch dialing of a pre-selected number from a button on the steering wheel or dashboard. Drivers can also use a push-to-talk microphone on a business two-way radio such as delivery trucks have, if they are not required to take their eyes off the

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road. This rule applies to drivers in interstate commerce (those who drive beyond the boundaries of a single state), and drivers who are transporting hazardous materials, regardless of whether they only drive in a single state or drive interstate. Drivers of government vehicles such as DOT trucks or fire trucks are exempted from this rule. Drivers cannot dial a cell phone to make a call – they must be able to make it in the seated driving position with the seat belt fastened, by simply touching a single button and using voice commands.

We hope that the Legislature will find it possible to combine the best aspects of all three bills you will see this session and meld them into one bill that does it all.

APPROVED

Earl M. Sweeney Assistant Commissioner



House Transportation Committee LOB 203 January 14, 2014 1:35pm

# Re: HB 1360 An Act Prohibiting impeded driving and use of certain electronic devices while driving

Madam Chair Bouchard, Vice Chair O'Brien and distinguished members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Pat Moody and I am the manager of public affairs for AAA Northern New England. I am here on behalf of our organization, which serves more than 424,000 members in the state of New Hampshire.

AAA supports a comprehensive approach to addressing distracted driving and believes any legislative or administrative proposal to address distracted driving should be based on sound research and/or fundamental safety principles. Our policy supports laws banning texting while driving, full wireless bans for teen drivers, and comprehensive distracted driving laws that create increased penalties for distracted driving.

Our experience with drunk driving and other serious safety issues tells us discouraging dangerous behaviors requires a multi-pronged approach: good laws, effective enforcement, and effective public education.

Distracted driving laws should be comparable to other dangerous moving violations, with primary enforcement, significant fines, and accrual of demerit points against the driver's licensing record.

Additionally, states should establish laws with enhanced penalties for drivers who cause crashes or otherwise commit traffic violations as a result of engaging in distracting driving behavior.

Lastly, AAA supports educational efforts to inform drivers of the safest practices related to cell and smart phone use, including non use of the phone while operating a motor vehicle. Similar educational efforts should be applied to other integrated in-vehicle communication, information and entertainment devices.

Thank You

Pat Moody Manager of Public Affairs



# **DISTRACTION AND CELL PHONE USE**

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 3,331 people were killed in crashes involving distracted drivers in 2011, and an estimated 387,000 more were injured. Ten percent of fatal crashes and 17 percent of injury crashes were reported as distraction-affected crashes.
  - Eleven percent of all drivers 15-19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as "distracted" at the time of the crash; this age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.<sup>1</sup>
- NHTSA observational research found an average of five percent of drivers were holding cell phones to their ears while driving, translating to 660,000 vehicles driven by people holding hand-held cell phones at any given moment in 2011. The percent of drivers observed texting or visibly manipulating their hand-held cellphone increased significantly from .9 percent in 2010 to 1.3 percent in 2011.
  - Females and younger drivers ages 16-24 were more likely than their counterparts to be driving holding a phone to their ear, as were drivers with no passengers compared to drivers carrying at least one passenger.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2012, more than two in three drivers (68.9 percent) reported talking on their cell phone, (hand-held or hands-free) at least once in the past 30 days, with over half (57.4 percent) of those drivers using a hand-held phone rather than hands-free device.
  - More than one in four (26.6 percent) drivers admitted to typing or sending a text message or email, and more than one in three (34.6 percent) reported reading a text message or email while driving at least once in the past month.<sup>3</sup>

# **IMPLICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY**

- Driving while using a cell phone reduces brain activity associated with driving (e.g., spatial processing that helps drivers remember and make sense of the objects they observe on the street) by 37 percent.<sup>4</sup>
- Drivers text messaging behind the wheel are eight times as likely to be in a crash or near crash as drivers who are not texting.<sup>5</sup>
- Phone conversations of any type increase reaction times and increase variations in speed, lane deviations, and steering wheel control.<sup>6</sup>
- When conversing on mobile devices, either hand-held or hands-free, drivers increase their risk of a crash two to four times.<sup>7,8,11</sup>
- Distractions beyond cell phones are growing at a rapid pace. Automotive infotainment systems are predicted to grow from 9 million vehicles on the road in 2013 to at least 62 million in 2018, and key features of these technologies will include "connected navigation, multimedia streaming, social media, and in-car Wi-Fi hotspots."<sup>9</sup>
- Drivers who use cell phones behind the wheel with greater frequency are also more likely to engage in a variety of additional risky behaviors, such as red light running, speeding, and texting.<sup>10</sup>

# **PUBLIC OPINION**

- The majority of Americans (88.5 percent) feel that a driver talking on a cell phone represents a somewhat or a serious threat to their personal safety.<sup>10</sup>
  - That proportion increases to 95.7 and 95.1 percent, respectively, with regards to drivers text messaging or emailing behind the wheel, and drivers checking or updating social media.



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- Nine in ten (90.3 percent) people believe that distracted drivers are a somewhat or much bigger problem today compared to three years ago.<sup>10</sup>
- Most drivers (71.3 percent) believe that when talking on a cell phone while driving, it is safer to use a hands-free device than a hand-held device.<sup>3</sup>
- One out of two drivers who reported using a hands-free, speech-based in-vehicle system said they believed use of the technology was "not distracting at all." <sup>3</sup>

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# HB 1118 Speaking Notes NH State Police Lieutenant Matthew Shapiro

I am here to represent the Department of Safety in supporting HB 1118, which pertains to (Prohibiting Certain Drivers from Using Hand-Held Devices for Communication) and I will distribute a position paper, which reflects the Department's reasons for this. For my part, I will briefly comment on some of the content of this position paper.

HB 1118 prohibits the driver of any vehicle carrying passengers for hire (such as taxis or buses) or of any school bus carrying a school child *from using any type of hand-held device for*, *"Communications" while the vehicle is in motion*. The Department of Safety is pleased that this bill appears to cover (hand-held) cell phone calls, text messaging, and email, "Communications" and we agree that there are examples of such communications having caused terrible crashes even on the subway systems of our cities.

But that being said, HB 1118 appears to falls short in a few ways: first, with regards to non-communications applications such as: surfing the internet or playing electronic games. Secondly, HB 1118 does not appear to exempt 2-way radio use, which it is my understanding is needed for routine school bus operation. *And last and most importantly is the fact that it is <u>hardly just bus and taxi</u> <i>drivers who are contributing to the distracted driving problems that New Hampshire has been experiencing*. As such, the Department of Safety would hate for this bill to be passed as a stand-alone measure when it does not address the breadth or full magnitude of the problem at hand.

This concludes my remarks on HB 1118 and I would be glad to answer any questions that you have for me.

HB 1118- prohibiting certain drivers from using hand-held devices for communication

House Transportation Committee

January 14, 2014- 2:00 pm

Good Afternoon, Chairwoman Bouchard and Members of the House Transportation Committee

My name is Sylvia Gale and I represent Hillsborough District 28, Nashua Ward 1. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you this afternoon for the purpose of presenting *HB 1118*, a bill which would prohibit certain drivers from using hand-held communication devices while their vehicles are in motion. This subject came up as I was discussing the bill which will be presented at the next hearing with others when it appeared only logical to extend the prohibition of the use of hand-held communications devices specifically to what I refer to as "drivers for hire", including but not limited to school bus drivers, limo and taxi drivers and others.

While I am aware that many "commercial" drivers may be subject to such prohibitions based on Interstate Commerce requirements and/or private company regulations, not all of these "drivers for hire" would necessarily be subject to such regulations for in-state travel, nor can it be assumed that all private companies have established such policies for their drivers. I hope that you will give due consideration to assuring that those who are being transported in cabs, limos, and schoolbusses in our state will have the benefit of enhanced safety by eliminating the distractions of communication devices in the hands of their drivers.

Thank you and I would be happy to try to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Sylvia E. Gale- Nashua (603) 883-6628

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### Governor Cuomo Unveils "Texting Zones" Along NYS Thruway and Highways for Drivers to Pull Over and Use Their Cell Phones

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Governor Announces Result of Summer Enforcement Campaign: 365% Increase in Tickets Issued for Distracted Driving .

Albany, NY (September 23, 2013)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today continued the state's efforts to reduce distracted driving by unveiling special "Texting Zones" along the New York State Thruway and State Highways that will give motorists a pull-off area to park and use their mobile devices. Existing Park-n-Ride facilities, rest stops, and parking areas along the Thruway and Highways will dual-function as Texting Zones, and signage will be placed along the highway to inform drivers where the Zones are located. A total of 298 signs will be located along major highways across the state, notifying motorists to 91 Texting Zone locations.

In addition, the Governor today announced a 365% increase in tickets issued in summer 2013 compared to summer 2012 for distracted driving, a result of an extensive enforcement crackdown by the State Police. This summer, State Police issued 21,580 tickets, surpassing last summer's total of 5,208 tickets.

To view photos of the signage and press conference today, go to: http://www.flickr.com/photos/governorandrewcuomo/sets/72157635804750584/.

"New York State is continuing to use every tool at its disposal to combat texting-while-driving," Governor Cuomo said. "In addition to tougher penalties, new detection methods for State Police and ongoing public outreach efforts, we are now launching special Texting Zones to allow motorists to pull over and use their phones. These Zones will be identified with signs along the Thruway and State Highways, reminding drivers that there is a nearby opportunity for them to legally and safely use their phone. With this new effort, we are sending a clear message to drivers that there is no excuse to take your hands off the wheel and eyes off the road because your text can wait until the next Texting Zone."

The locations of the 91 Texting Zones are below:

County	Highway	Locality/Specific Location	
Albany	I-87	New Baltimore Service Area	
Albany	I-87	Rest Area - 3 miles south of Albany	
Clinton	I-87	Beekmantown	
Clinton	1-87	Point Au Roche	
Clinton	1-87	Valcour	
Essex	I-87	High Peaks NB	
Essex	<b>I-</b> 87	High Peaks SB	
Essex	187	Elizabethtown	
Essex	187	Lewis	
Rockland	1-87	Ramapo Service Area	
Rockland	1-87	Sloatsburg Service Area	
Saratoga	1-87	Clifton Park	
Ulster	I-87	Ulster Service Area	
Ulster	I-87	Modena Service Area	
Ulster	1-87	Plattekill Service Area	
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Ontario	1-90	Junius Ponds	
Ontario	I-90	Seneca Service Area	
Ontario	I-90	Clifton Springs Service Area	
Ontario	1-90	Rest Area - 9 miles east of Rochester	
Schenectady	· <b>I-</b> 90	Pattersonville Service Area	
Schenectady	I-90	Guilderland Service Area	
Seneca	1-90	Rest Area - 15 miles west of Weedsport	

Thruway Authority Executive Director Thomas J. Madison said, "The safety of motorists is our highest priority at the Thruway Authority, and 2012 was the safest year in Thruway's six-decade history. We are always looking at new and better ways to make the highway even safer, and Governor Cuomo's Text Stops initiative is an excellent way for drivers to stay in touch while recognizing the dangers of using mobile devices while driving."

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald said, "This campaign is sending a clear message to motorists: It can wait. There is no text that is important enough to jeopardize a life, and anyone caught texting while driving will face stiff penalties. I want to thank Governor Cuomo for his leadership to fight distracted driving and make our roads safe for all users."

# Results of Summer Crackdown on Distracted Driving

The summer crackdown, which started on the July 4th holiday weekend and lasted through the Labor Day weekend, consisted of increased enforcement and patrols, particularly through undercover operations using unmarked State Police SUVs to catch distracted drivers.

# A breakdown of the numbers is as follows:

#### July 4 – September 2

Year	Cell Phone	Texting	Total Distracted
2013	16,027	5,553	21,580
2012	4.284	924	5,208

The campaign was in addition to two major efforts initiated by the Governor earlier this year to crack down on distracted driving – increasing the penalty for distracted driving from three to five points on a driver's license and signing his legislation to increase license suspension and revocation periods for distracted driving on young and new drivers.

Superintendent Joseph A. D'Amico said, "Our top priority is keeping motorists and pedestrians safe on New York's roadways and the new distracted driving law has helped us to do our job better. We told motorists we would be out there looking for violators and we found far too many. The accidents that result from the use of hand held devices are completely avoidable which is why we will continue to target distracted drivers who engage in this dangerous activity."

State Police have been using Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles as part of the operation in order to more easily identify motorists who are texting while driving. CITE vehicles are SUVs that have platforms higher than an average vehicle, allowing officers greater ability to see into other vehicles and detect individuals in the process of sending text messages. The State Police fleet of CITE vehicles are unmarked and come in a variety of colors to ensure that they blend in with traffic on the road. They are also equipped with hidden high intensity emergency lights.

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# Voting Sheets

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1118

BILL TITLE:	prohibiting certain communication.	drivers	from	using	hand-held	devices	for
DATE:	February 4, 2014						
LOB ROOM:	203						

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Moved by Rep. Sykes

Seconded by Rep. Crawford

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

# CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: yes

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

**Statement of Intent:** 

Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. George E. Sykes, Clerk

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1118**

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

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(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

**Statement of Intent:** 

Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. George E. Sykes, Clerk

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Sykes, George E, Clerk		
Packard, Sherman A,		
Hikel, John A,		
Hinch, Richard W,		
Chirichiello, Brian K		
Smith, Steven D	V	
Crawford, Karel A		
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# Committee Report

**CONŠENT CALENDAR** 

February 11, 2014

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# **REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

The Committee on <u>TRANSPORTATION</u> to which was referred HB1118,

AN ACT prohibiting certain drivers from using handheld devices for communication. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. George E Sykes

# FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk Cc: Committee Bill File

# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	TRANSPORTATION
Bill Number:	HB1118
Title:	prohibiting certain drivers from using hand- held devices for communication.
Date:	<b>February 11, 2014</b>
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation;	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

# STATEMENT OF INTENT

The transportation committee received three bills taking up the subject of distracted driving and/or cell phone use while driving. A sub-committee hearing was held on the three bills. The committee determined to recommend HB 1117 and HB 1118 be ITL; and to take up HB 1360 as a consolidated bill.

Vote 13-0.

Rep. George E Sykes FOR THE COMMITTEE

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HB 1118 prohibiting certain drivers from using hand-held devices for communication.

ITL 13-0 Consent Calendar

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Rep. George Sykes, For the committee

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