

Attachment A

SB 22-175: Concerning the use of mobile electronic devices when driving a motor vehicle
Sponsored by Senators Hansen & Fields, Coram and Representatives Ortiz & Roberts, Rich

What it Does:

Limits the use of a mobile electronic device while driving to adult drivers unless using a hands-free accessory. The bill was crafted using National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) April 2021 legislative model, created through unanimous, bipartisan support and includes these provisions:

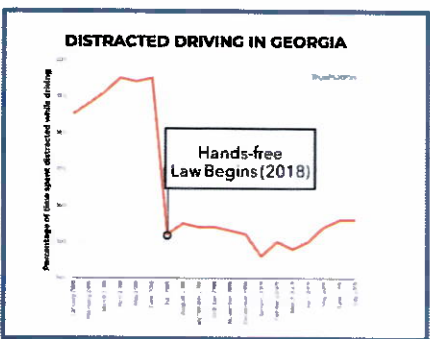
- Requires **data collection and annual reporting to combat potential bias in enforcement**; federal funds are available to support data collection and for the development and implementation of programs, public outreach, and training that reduce racial profiling
- Adds **statewide public awareness campaign** in advance of effective date of the hands-free requirement
- Allows **offenders to show proof of purchase of a hands-free device** and have the charge dismissed one time

The likelihood that a distracted driver could hit you or a loved-one is real

- **Colorado has seen a 50% increase in traffic deaths since 2011 due to the spike in unsafe drivers according to CDOT** - 2021 marked the most traffic deaths since 2002 with 672 deaths due to traffic crashes in Colorado; up 50% from 2011.
- 15,143 crashes involved a Colorado distracted driver in 2019, resulting in 4,361 injuries and 39 deaths.
- 10,166 crashes involved a Colorado distracted drivers in 2020, resulting in 1,476 injuries and 68 deaths (with the pandemic impacting the number of drivers on the road).
- 90% of Colorado drivers self-report driving distracted with 42 crashes per day due to distracted drivers.
- 25 states + DC ban hand-held cellphone use for all drivers.

Keeps Coloradans safe, while saving time and money

- 12 out of 15 states saw an average 16% reduction in fatal crashes within 2 years after their hands-free law passed. Six of the states and DC saw a greater than 20% decrease in fatality rates.
- Georgia showed a 22% reduction in phone use by drivers in the 1st month after passage of the legislation with insurance rates decreasing 2.5% after passage with 12+% increase the previous year.
- Insurers' physical damage losses from motor vehicle crashes decreased by 3.1% in states with hand-held cellphone bans according to a [study](#) by the Journal of Risk and Insurance.
- The North American Actuarial Journal, [estimated](#) that primary hand-held bans for all drivers lead to a reduction in injury liability claims of approximately 9.2% in any given year during the post-ban period.
- **On average, 4.7% of insurance premium savings are attributable to distracted driving laws.**



SB 22-175 Supporters		
AAA Colorado	Alliance for Automotive Innovation	American College of Emergency Physicians-CO
ABATE of Colorado	Cyclists 4 Community	Center for People with Disabilities
City & County of Denver	Colorado Contractors Assoc.	Colorado Cross Disability Coalition
Colorado Motor Carriers	General Motors	Coloradans Organized for Responsible Driving
Global Medical Response	Hispanic Contractors of Colorado	O'Sullivan Law Firm/Rider Down
Liberty Mutual	National Safety Council	Northwest Mayors and Commissioners Coalition
StopDistractions.org	Students for Safer Roads	

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