

HB 34 – AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **34**

AN ACT prohibiting writing a text message while driving.

SPONSORS: Rep. Drisko, Hills 5

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits writing a text message and using 2 hands to type on or operate an electronic or telecommunications device while driving.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Nine

AN ACT prohibiting writing a text message while driving.

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

1 New Section; Rules of the Road; Prohibited Text Messages and Device Usage While Operating a Motor Vehicle. Amend RSA 265 by inserting after section 105 the following new section:

265:105-a Prohibited Text Messages and Device Usage While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

I. A person operating a moving motor vehicle who writes a text message or uses 2 hands to type on or operate an electronic or telecommunications device, is guilty of a violation. A person does not write a text message when he or she reads, selects, or enters a phone number or name in a wireless communications device for the purpose of making a phone call.

II. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$100.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2010.

