
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 1, 2014

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 1, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2014 as "Distracted Driving
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Distracted driving is any activity that could divert
4 a person's attention from the primary task of driving; and

5 WHEREAS, All distractions endanger driver, passenger and
6 bystander safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Distracted driving occurs any time drivers take
8 their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel and their
9 minds off their primary task of driving; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies show that texting involves manual, visual
11 and mental distraction and is among the worst of all driver
12 distractions; and

13 WHEREAS, Distracted driving is not confined to a single
14 cause, age group, level of education or driver demographic; and

15 WHEREAS, While distracted driving can take on many forms and
16 affects all road users, young drivers are at particular risk;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Drivers less than 25 years of age are two to three
3 times more likely than older drivers to send text messages or e-
4 mails while driving; and

5 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents resulting from distracted
6 driving caused 421,000 people to be injured in 2012, a 9%
7 increase from 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, According to national statistics, in 2012, 3,328
9 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver; and

10 WHEREAS, The best way to end distracted driving is to educate
11 all Pennsylvanians about the danger it poses; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge drivers to consider the lives
13 of others on the road and avoid distracted driving; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2014
16 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.