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HOUSE BILL NO. 797

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

MOTOR VEHICLES: Prohibits drivers from using hand-held cell phones while driving

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:300.6(A)(1)(a) and to repeal R.S. 32:289.1, relative to cellular
3 telephone use by drivers; to prohibit the use of wireless telecommunications devices
4 by all Class "E" drivers; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:300.6(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §300.6. Use of wireless telecommunications devices by certain drivers prohibited;
9 exceptions

10 A.(1)(a) Except in a driver emergency and as provided in Subsection B of
11 this Section, no person who holds a Class "E" ~~learner's license or intermediate~~
12 driver's license shall operate a motor vehicle on any public road or highway of this
13 state while using any wireless telecommunications device to engage in a call, unless
14 the wireless telecommunications device is a hands-free wireless telephone.

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16 Section 2. R.S. 32:289.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits use of cell phones by all Class "E" drivers.

Present law prohibits a person who holds a Class "E" learner's license or intermediate license from using wireless communications devices while driving.

Proposed law modifies present law by prohibiting such use by all Class "E" drivers.

Present law prohibits a person during the first year that person holds his first driver's license from Louisiana from using wireless communications devices while driving.

Proposed law repeals this provision.

(Adds R.S. 32:300.6(A)(1)(a); Repeals R.S. 32:289.1)