
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2015 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 someone takes
8 their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel and their
9 mind off their primary task of driving; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies show that texting simultaneously involves
11 manual, visual and mental distraction and is among the worst of
12 all driver 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 many forms and
16 affects all road users, young drivers are at particular risk;
17 and

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

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

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2015
15 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.