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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Smith of Derby

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; distracted driving; textalyzer; search warrant

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish that law enforcement must apply for a search warrant for the handheld devices of operators involved in certain motor vehicle accidents. This bill also proposes to require the Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs, and Office of the Attorney General, to report to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation and on Judiciary regarding the use of textalyzer technology—which, for purposes of this report, is an electronic scanning device that can assess if a handheld electronic device was used in the moments leading up to a motor vehicle crash—including whether or not such technology exists, the benefits of using such technology, the anticipated timeline to adopt such technology, any legal implications associated with the use of such technology, the costs to adopt such technology, and anything else the Department of Public Safety deems pertinent to the potential adoption of textalyzer technology in the State.

