

HR 2154

Distracted Driving Prevention Act of 2015

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Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Distracted Driving Prevention Act of 2015

The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall award distracted driving grants to states that enact and enforce a statute that:

- prohibits a driver from using a hand-held personal wireless communications device (such as a cell phone or smart phone) to call while driving,
- allows the use of a hands-free device by a driver (other than under age 18) to call,
- makes violation of the law a primary offense, and
- establishes certain minimum penalties for first violations and increased penalties for repeat violations.

The DOT shall establish a research program to study distracted driving by motor vehicle drivers.

The Federal Communications Commission shall report to Congress on existing and developing wireless communications technology that may be used to reduce problems associated with distracted driving.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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