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An Act To Increase Safety in Construction Zones

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Macfarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2117 is enacted to read:
3	§2117. Use of electronic devices while operating motor vehicles on a public way
4	under construction or undergoing maintenance
5	1. Prohibition. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile
6	telephone as defined in section 2116, subsection 1, paragraph B or a handheld electronic
7	device as defined in section 2116, subsection 1, paragraph A in an area in which the
8	Commissioner of Transportation or the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike
9	Authority has restricted the speed limit for construction or maintenance activity pursuant
10	to section 2075, subsection 2.
11	2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a traffic infraction for which
12	a fine of not less than \$50 for the first offense and not less than \$250 for a 2nd or
13	subsequent offense may be adjudged.
14	SUMMARY
15	This bill provides that a person may not operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile
16	telephone or handheld electronic device in an area in which the Commissioner of
17	Transportation or the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority has restricted
18	the speed limit for construction or maintenance activity. The bill also provides that the
19	penalty for a violation of this provision is at least \$50 for the first offense and at least
20	\$250 for the 2nd or subsequent offense