

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 81

H.P. 68

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Prohibit the Use of Hand-held Phones by Operators of Moving Motor Vehicles.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, MAILHOT of Lewiston,  
MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, SIROIS of Caribou, SNOWE-MELLO of  
Poland, TRIPP of Topsham.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2115** is enacted to read:

6 **§2115. Use of hand-held telephone while operating motor vehicle**

8 It is unlawful for a person operating a motor vehicle to use a telephone that requires the operator to hold the telephone in the operator's hand.

10 Violation of this section is a traffic infraction subject to the a forfeiture of not less than \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the 2nd and \$250 for the 3rd and each subsequent violation committed within one year.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 **This bill prohibits a person from using a hand-held**  
20 **telephone while operating a motor vehicle if the operator holds**  
22 **the telephone in the operator's hand while driving. The bill**  
**makes the offense a traffic infraction.**