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H.P. 98

House of Representatives, January 11, 2001

An Act to Restrict the Use of Handheld Telephones while Driving.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JACOBS of Turner,
MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, RICHARDSON of
Brunswick, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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 handheld 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 a forfeiture of not less than \$50 for the first violation and \$250 for the 2nd violation and each subsequent violation committed within one year.

16 **SUMMARY**

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