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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

An Act To Prevent Distracted Driving

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, McNEIL of Rockland, PINEAU of Jay, USHER of Westbrook.

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. Distracted driving**

8 **1. Distracted driving.** A person is guilty of distracted
10 driving if the person operates a motor vehicle while, including,
but not limited to, using a cellular telephone, eating, reading
or grooming.

12 **2. Enforcement.** Subsection 1 may be enforced only if a law
14 enforcement officer has detained the operator of a motor vehicle
for a suspected violation of another law.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 **This bill prohibits a person from driving while distracted.**
20 **Driving while distracted is, including, but not limited to,**
22 **driving while using a cellular telephone, eating, reading or**
grooming. Under the provisions of the bill, a law enforcement
24 **officer may enforce this prohibition only if the officer has**
detained the operator of the motor vehicle for a violation of
another law.