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L.D. 161
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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 143, L.D. 161, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Cellular Telephones by Minors while Driving"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Prohibit the Use of Electronic Devices by Minors while Driving'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2116 is enacted to read:

§2116. Use of electronic devices by minors while operating motor vehicles

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Handheld electronic device" means any handheld electronic device that is not part of the operating equipment of the motor vehicle, including but not limited to an electronic game, device for sending or receiving electronic mail, text messaging device or computer.

B. "Mobile telephone" means a device used to access a wireless telephone service.

C. "Using" means manipulating, talking into or otherwise interacting with a mobile telephone or handheld electronic device but does not include passively listening to music or other recorded sounds emanating from a handheld electronic device.

2. Prohibition. A person who has not attained 18 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone or handheld electronic device.

3. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$50 for the first offense and not less than \$250 for a 2nd or subsequent offense may be adjudged.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the title to reflect the content of the amendment. This amendment retains the provision of the bill prohibiting a person who has not attained 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone, but expands that prohibition to include handheld electronic devices that are not part of the operating equipment of a motor vehicle.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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An Act To Prohibit the Use of Cellular Telephones by Minors while Driving

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new traffic infractions.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.