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Date: 5/29/7

Majority  
TRANSPORTATION

L.D. 576  
(Filing No. H-349)

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 443, L.D. 576, "Resolve, To Investigate Cellular Telephone Use and Driver Safety"

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

**'Resolve, To Examine Issues Related to Distracted Driving'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety to study distracted driving and motor vehicle accidents. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety shall analyze available data, including data generated from its planned upgrades of crash reports that will include fields for specific distractions and any other relevant data that may be available to the department, to determine the role various types of distractions play in motor vehicle accidents. The Department of Public Safety shall also develop recommendations for strengthening laws related to distracted driving; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety shall submit an interim report, including any data collected pursuant to section 1 and its analysis of that data together with recommended legislation to strengthen laws related to distracted driving, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2009. The department shall provide a final report on the data collected pursuant to section 1 and its analysis of that data together with any further recommended legislation related to distracted driving to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2010. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit legislation related to the department's reports to the First Regular Session and the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation replaces the resolve and changes the title to reflect the content of the amendment. The resolve directed the Department of Public Safety to study the effect of cellular telephone use on motor vehicle accidents. The amendment directs the department to analyze available data, including data generated from its planned upgrades of crash reports that will include fields for specific distractions and any other relevant data that may be available to the department, to determine the role various types of distractions play in motor vehicle accidents. It also directs the department to develop recommendations for strengthening laws relating to distracted driving. The department is directed to submit an interim report that includes recommended legislation to strengthen laws related to distracted driving to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2009. The department is directed to provide a final report on the data it has collected and its analysis of that data together with any further recommended legislation related to distracted driving to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2010. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters is authorized to submit legislation related to the department's report to the First and Second Regular Sessions of the 124th Legislature.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, To Investigate Cellular Telephone Use and Driver Safety**

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

**Committee: Transportation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor cost increase - Highway Fund