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

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, McLEOD of Lee, NORTON of Bangor, RECTOR of Thomaston. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety to study cellular telephone use and 2 motor vehicle accidents. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall 3 study the role the use of cellular telephones have played in motor vehicle accidents. The 4 Department of Public Safety shall solicit information from insurance companies 5 regarding statistics and other information on cellular telephone use and motor vehicle 6 safety and compile information received from law enforcement agencies pursuant to 7 section 2 in performing the study required under this section; and be it further

8 Sec. 2. Law enforcement agencies to report information to Department 9 of Public Safety. Resolved: That a law enforcement agency shall inform the 10 Department of Public Safety of any motor vehicle incident, accident, violation or warning 11 between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008 in which a cellular telephone was 12 involved; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall submit its report along with any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 15, 2009. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters may submit legislation related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

#### SUMMARY

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20 This resolve requires law enforcement agencies to inform the Department of Public 21 Safety of motor vehicle incidents, accidents, violations and warnings from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 in which cellular telephones were involved. This resolve 22 23 requires the Department of Public Safety to study the role that cellular telephones may 24 have played in contributing to motor vehicle accidents, using the information received 25 from law enforcement agencies as well as from insurance companies, and to report its 26 findings and recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 15, 2009, 27 28 with the committee having authority to submit legislation based upon the findings of the 29 study.