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House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

An Act To Strengthen the Law Regarding Texting and Driving

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth, NUTTING of Oakland, PARRY of Arundel, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SHAW of Standish.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2119, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Penalty for violation that results in death or serious bodily injury.** A person
4 commits a Class C crime if the person violates this section and the violation causes an
5 accident resulting in death or serious bodily injury. A crime under this subsection is a
6 strict liability crime under Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill makes texting and driving in which an accident occurs resulting in death or
9 serious bodily injury a Class C crime.