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History and Final Disposition

LD 165 / SP0052

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving. Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Public Hearing 04/11/19. OTP-AM Accepted 06/18/19. Amended by: CA S-317. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/27/19, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 486.

Original Bill

[LD 165 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 165 / PL 2019, c. 486](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf129-LD-0165.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 165\) \(TRA\) \(4/11/2019\)](#)

[Work Session \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 165\) \(TRA\) \(5/2/2019\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-317\) \(LD 165 2019\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, January 17, 2019 \(H50-58\)](#)

- p. H-58

[SENATE, January 17, 2019 \(S49-60\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 18, 2019 \(H1019-1052\)](#)

- p. H-1045 (Amendment(s) S-317)

[HOUSE, June 18, 2019 \(H1019-1052\)](#)

- p. H-1050 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) S-317)

[SENATE, June 18, 2019 \(S1149-1191\)](#)

- p. S-1180 (Amendment(s) S-317)

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- p. S-1208 (Roll Call(s) (p1209)) (Amendment(s) S-317)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2019, c. 486](#)

News Articles

- Lawmakers push to make drivers keep their hands off their phones (Peter McGuire) (Portland Press Herald, 1/30/2019, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/PPH 190130C.pdf)
- Distracted driving needs our attention (Editorial) (Central Maine Sunday, 2/17/2019, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/Central Maine Sunday 190217A.pdf)
- Making Maine hands-free (Bill Diamond) (Bridgton News, 4/4/2019, p. B8) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/Clip19204.pdf)
- Maine moves toward new law to make drivers keep hands off their cellphones (Peter McGuire) (Portland Press Herald, 6/20/2019, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/PPH 190620A.pdf)
- What you can (and can't) do under Maine's new law banning handheld phones while driving (Nick Shroeder) (Bangor Daily News, 7/11/2019, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/BDN 190711B.pdf)
- Maine's stronger distracted driving law was warranted - But ultimately it comes down to personal responsibility (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 7/16/2019, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/BDN 190716D.pdf)
- Police say new law will make it easier to catch drivers violating cellphone ban (Sam Shepherd) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 7/21/2019, p. C1, C3) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/MST 190721E.pdf)
- Distracted driver bill becomes law this month (Fran Gonzalez) (Republican Journal, 9/5/2019, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD01xx/nc129-LD-0165/Republican Journal 190905A.pdf)

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