

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 9 By Senator B. Gautreaux

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

TRAFFIC. Makes texting while driving by all drivers and using a cell phone while driving by those seventeen and under a primary offense for which a driver maybe stopped. (8/15/10)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Legislative Bureau amendments.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present law provides that the traffic violation of texting while driving a motor vehicle shall be enforced only as a "secondary action" when the officer detains a driver for another alleged violation. Present law also prohibits persons 17 years of age or younger from operating a motor vehicle while using any "wireless telecommunications device" to engage in a call or write, send or read a text-based communication, but further provides that this is a non-moving violation and authorizes enforcement of above only as a "secondary action".

Proposed law removes present law provisions limiting enforcement as a "secondary action" and non-moving violation, thereby making a violation a primary offense for which a driver may be stopped.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 32:300.5(C)(4) and 300.7(D))

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