
DIGEST

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Bayham

Abstract: Prohibits a pedestrian from looking at a cell phone while crossing a crosswalk.

Present law provides for the rights and obligations of pedestrians while using a crosswalk.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits a pedestrian from using a cell phone in any manner which requires him to look at the cell phone while he is using the crosswalk.

Proposed law clarifies that it does not prohibit talking on a cell phone in a crosswalk if the phone is held in a manner that does not require the pedestrian's visual attention.

Proposed law provides exceptions for reporting a traffic collision or other emergency, reporting a situation in which he believes someone is in jeopardy of serious injury or death, dialing 911 to report a crime, or using a global positioning system for navigation.

Proposed law provides a misdemeanor penalty of \$25 for anyone who looks at his cell phone while using a crosswalk.

(Amends R.S. 32:212(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 32:212(E))