

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

MOTOR VEHICLES. Requests study of the impact of and penalties for texting or using social media while driving in Louisiana.

1 A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

2 To request the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the
3 House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to meet and
4 function as a joint committee to study the impact of and penalties for texting or using
5 social media while driving in Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, recognizing the safety hazards associated with driving while using
7 wireless communication devices, the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 32:300.5, 300.6,
8 300.7, and 300.8, all of which prohibit or restrict the use of wireless communication devices
9 while operating a motor vehicle; and

10 WHEREAS, despite certain statutory restrictions, Louisiana drivers continue to use
11 wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle; and

12 WHEREAS, in Louisiana and nationally, accidents resulting from distracted drivers
13 are increasing; and

14 WHEREAS, existing fines and penalties do not appear to deter use of wireless
15 communication devices while driving.

16 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests that the Senate Committee on
17 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation,
18 Highways, and Public Works to meet and function as a joint committee to study the impact

1 of and penalties for texting or using social media while driving.
2 A copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to deputy secretary of the
3 Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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