DIGEST

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Austin Badon HB No. 146

Abstract: Prohibits the use of wireless telephone or electronic communication devices by operators of moving motor vehicles except when the device is a hands-free wireless telephone or the electronic communication device is used hands-free or for an emergency and provides for penalties.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the use of wireless telephone or electronic communication devices by operators of moving motor vehicles except when the device is a hands-free wireless telephone, or the electronic communication device is used hands-free or for an emergency.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines the terms "electronic communication device", "hands-free wireless telephone", "use", and "wireless telephone".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the penalty for a violation of <u>proposed law</u> shall be not less than \$100 for the first violation, not more than \$150 for a second violation, not more than \$200 for a third violation, and not more than \$250 for a fourth or subsequent violation.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 32:300.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, <u>Highways and Public Works</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Makes changes to the definitions of "electronic communication device" and "wireless telephone"