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DIGEST

Erdey (SB 147)

Present law prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle upon any public road or highway of this state while using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication.

Present law excepts certain persons from prohibition of using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle upon any public road or highway of this state while using a wireless telecommunications device to access, read, or post to a social networking site.

Proposed law defines the "access, read, or post to a social networking site" as using a wireless telecommunications device to access, read, or post to any web-based service that allows individuals to construct a profile within a bounded system, articulate a list of other users with whom they share a connection, and communicate with other members of the site.

Present law provides that any violation of present law shall constitute a moving violation.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that using a wireless telecommunications device to access, read, or post to a social networking site shall constitute a moving violation.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 32:300.5(A) and 300.5(B)(intro para))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Makes use of any device to access, read, or post to a social networking site while operating a motor vehicle applicable to all persons.
2. Revises definition of "access, read, or post to a social networking site" to mean using a wireless telecommunications device to access, read, or post to any web-based service.

