Hands Free Law

(House Bill 1360) will be in effect July 1, 2015

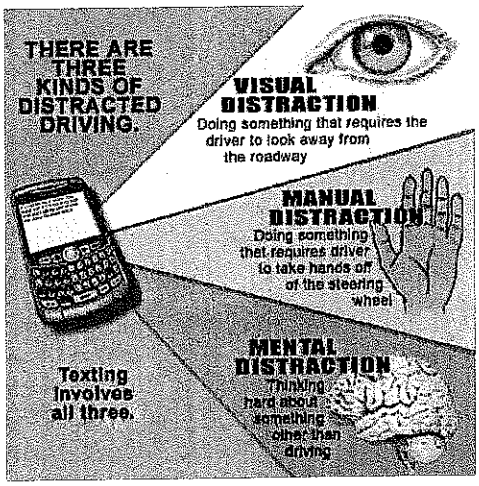
What does this mean?

- No use of hand held electronic devices capable of providing voice or data communication while driving or temporarily halted in traffic for a stop sign or traffic signal or other momentary delays
- This includes cell phones, GPS, tablets, iPods, iPads or other devices that require data entry
- Emergency calls to 911 or other public safety agencies will be allowed
- Bluetooth or other hands-free electronic devices will be allowed
- One hand non-cellular 2-way radio use will be allowed
- Drivers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to use any electronic device **(hand-held or not)** except to report an emergency. Anyone violating this will be subject to penalties and license suspension or revocation.

Penalties for Violations	
1st Offense	$100 fine
2nd offense	$250 fine
3rd Offense within 2 years	$500 fine
Penalty assessments will be added to the fines	

Why is this law important?

- During the past 4 years, **116 fatal crashes in New Hampshire were caused by distraction**
- The increasing use of electronic devices is fast becoming the primary distraction
- While texting a driver is **23** times more likely to crash
- Sending or receiving a text, distracts the driver for **almost 5** seconds
- At **50** miles per hour, **we travel longer than the length of a football field during that 5 seconds**
- Even dialing a phone number increases the risk of crashing by **3** times



DRIVING TOWARD ZERO

One Death Is Too Many