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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Infrastructure and Security (Simpson)
recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (594074) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 42 - 58
5 and insert:

6 who are ~~texting while~~ driving while distracted as provided in
7 subsection (4).

8 (4)(3)(a)1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle when
9 driving while distracted ~~while manually typing or entering~~
10 ~~multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a~~



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11 ~~wireless communications device or while sending or reading data~~
12 ~~on such a device for the purpose of nonvoice interpersonal~~
13 ~~communication, including, but not limited to, communication~~
14 ~~methods known as texting, e-mailing, and instant messaging. As~~
15 ~~used in this section, the term "wireless communications device"~~
16 ~~means any handheld device used or capable of being used in a~~
17 ~~handheld manner, that is designed or intended to receive or~~
18 ~~transmit text or character-based messages, access or store data,~~
19 ~~or connect to the Internet or any communications service as~~
20 ~~defined in s. 812.15 and that allows text communications. For~~
21 the purposes of this paragraph, a motor vehicle that is
22 stationary is not being operated and is not subject to the
23 prohibition in this paragraph.

24 2.a. During the period of October 1, 2019, through December
25 31, 2019, a law enforcement officer may stop motor vehicles to
26 issue verbal or written warnings to persons who are driving
27 while distracted for the purposes of informing and educating
28 such persons. This sub-subparagraph shall stand repealed on
29 October 1, 2020.

30 b. After December 31, 2019, a law enforcement officer may
31 stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are
32 driving while distracted.

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34 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete line 139

37 and insert:

38 distracted; authorizing a law enforcement officer
39 during a specified period to stop motor vehicles to



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40 issue warnings to persons who are driving while
41 distracted; providing for repeal of a provision;
42 authorizing a law enforcement officer, after a
43 specified date, to stop motor vehicles and issue
44 citations to persons who are driving while distracted;
45 revising exceptions to such prohibition;