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By: **Delegate McIntosh**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Police - Driver Distraction Information - Collection and Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to collect certain  
4 information relating to driver distraction as a contributing cause of traffic  
5 accidents; requiring that the information be collected in a certain manner and  
6 for a certain period of time; requiring the Department of State Police to make  
7 certain reports to the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration;  
8 requiring the Administrator or a designee to make a certain report to the  
9 General Assembly; and generally relating to information on driver distraction as  
10 a contributing cause of traffic accidents.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Department of State Police shall use the Maryland Automated  
14 Accident Reporting System to collect information on driver distraction as a  
15 contributing cause of traffic accidents.

16 (b) The information shall reflect whether any of the following acts, when done  
17 by a driver of a motor vehicle who was at fault in a traffic accident, were a  
18 contributing cause of the accident:

- 19 (1) Using a "cell phone";
- 20 (2) Using personal communication technologies other than a cell phone;
- 21 (3) Reading or writing;
- 22 (4) Smoking, or consuming food or beverage; and
- 23 (5) Personal grooming.

24 (c) The information shall be collected from July 1, 2001 to September 30,  
25 2003, both inclusive.

26 (d) The information collected shall be organized by county and local  
27 jurisdiction.

1 (e) The Department of State Police shall report quarterly on the information  
2 collected to the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration.

3 (f) The Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration, or a designee,  
4 shall report on the information, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
5 to the General Assembly not later than December 15, 2003.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 2001.