



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 441**

LCO No. 1646

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:

SEN. CIOTTO, 9th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That no person shall engage in any activity not related to the actual  
2 driving of a motor vehicle in a manner which interferes with the safe  
3 operation of that vehicle on any public way while simultaneously  
4 committing any moving violation under title 14 of the general statutes.  
5 An operator of a motor vehicle who commits a moving violation while  
6 engaged in distracted driving shall be fined seventy-five dollars in  
7 addition to any penalty or fine imposed for the primary moving  
8 violation. The provisions of this section shall not apply to: (1) The use  
9 of a telecommunications device for the purpose of calling 9-1-1, or  
10 otherwise communicating with any of the following regarding an  
11 emergency situation: An emergency response operator, a hospital,  
12 physician's office or health clinic, an ambulance company, a fire  
13 department, district or company, or a police department, or (2) any of  
14 the following persons while in the performance of their official duties:  
15 A police officer or peace officer, a member of a fire department, district  
16 or company, or the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle. For

17 the purposes of this section, a moving violation means any motor  
18 vehicle offense punishable under title 14 of the general statutes which  
19 involves the actual operation of a motor vehicle.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make distracted driving a motor vehicle violation.