



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6145

LCO No. 156

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR TEXTING OR ILLEGAL
CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that any person
- 2 operating a motor vehicle who causes a motor vehicle accident because
- 3 such person was using a hand-held mobile telephone illegally to
- 4 engage in a call or using a mobile electronic device to type, send or
- 5 read a text message shall be guilty of a felony, and that the operator's
- 6 license of any such person who causes a second such accident shall be
- 7 suspended for not less than six months.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase penalties for texting or illegal cell phone use while
operating a motor vehicle.