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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicles; requiring a report on motor vehicle accidents caused by all types of driver distractions; creating s. 316.0075, F.S.; preempting regulation of operator or passenger use of commercial mobile radio services to the state; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall collect data concerning motor vehicle accidents involving driver distractions. For a period of 2 years, beginning January 1, 2002, the department shall report such data on the Quarterly Crash Data and Driver Distraction Overview. The quarterly reports for the years 2002 and 2003 shall be provided to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 30, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Section 2. Section 316.0075, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0075 Operator use of commercial mobile radio services and electronic communications devices.--Regulation of operator or passenger use of commercial mobile radio services and other electronic communications devices in a motor vehicle is expressly preempted to the state.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to collect data on motor vehicle accidents involving distracted drivers and to annually prepare a report on such data. Provides that the regulation of operator or passenger use of commercial mobile radio services and other electronic communications devices in a motor vehicle is expressly preempted to the state.