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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate . Comm: RCS . 03/07/2019 . .

The Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology (Hutson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 50 - 73

and insert:

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5 operation of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.

6 Inattentive or distracted driving conduct includes reading,

7 writing, performing personal grooming, applying a beauty aid or

8 similar products, interacting with pets or unsecured cargo,

9 using a personal wireless communications device, or engaging in

10 any other activity, conduct, task, or action that causes

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11 distraction.

12 (b) "Wireless communications device" means any handheld device that is designed or intended to receive or transmit text-13 14 or character-based messages, to record or view images, to access 15 or store data, or to connect to the Internet or any 16 communications service, as defined in s. 812.15, or which allows 17 text communications. The term includes, but is not limited to, a cell phone, a tablet, a laptop, a two-way messaging device, or 18 an electronic game that is used or capable of being used in a 19 20 handheld manner. The term does not include a safety, security, or convenience feature built into a motor vehicle which does not require the use of a handheld device.

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(3) (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

(a) Improve roadway safety for all vehicle operators, vehicle passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other road users.

(b) Prevent crashes related to the act of driving while distracted when operating text messaging while driving a motor 29 vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.