



**House
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**RESTRICT HAND-HELD CELLULAR
TELEPHONES WHILE DRIVING**

House Bill 5015

Sponsor: Rep. Ruth Johnson

Committee: Transportation

Complete to 7-12-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5015 AS INTRODUCED 7-10-01

House Bill 5015 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to specify that the use of hand-held cellular telephoned while driving would be a civil infraction.

Currently under the law, a driver who operates a vehicle in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property (but without wantonness or recklessness) is responsible for a civil infraction. Under the bill, "careless or negligent manner" would include the use of a hand-held cellular telephone that prevented the person from having both hands on the steering wheel of the vehicle while operating the vehicle except when necessary to dial a number.

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