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New Texas State Law- Sept 1st

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The state of Texas has been hesitant to adopt a state-wide texting and driving law, but that has changed on September 1st, 2017.

Dozens of Texas cities already ban texting while driving. The state law covers texting only and prohibits the use of hand-held phones to "read write or send an electronic message" while driving. Other Internet use for navigation or music programs is allowed.

Texting will be punishable by a fine of up to \$99 for first-time offenders and \$200 for repeat offenses. (Not to mention moving violations can raise your auto insurance rates)

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, one in five crashes involves driver distraction.

Drivers who use cell phones in their vehicles have a higher risk of collision, whether holding the phone or using a hands-free device.

With our children heading back to school, lets set a good example for them to follow. Don't text and drive.



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