

## Senate Bill No 459

As a public safety officer for nearly 28 years, it is my opinion distracted driving and in particular; the use of cellular phones, while driving is a leading cause of all accidents. While patrolling the streets, both urban and rural, drivers who are on the phone, talking, texting or viewing the news or social media, exhibit similar driving cues of an intoxicated driver.

Within the past year, I have witnessed, while driving to and from work along rural roads, drivers weaving into oncoming traffic before a quick correction of the wheel is seen. As I pass these drivers, I observe them looking at their phone. While driving within the more populated areas, I observe several drivers weaving within their lane, crossing lanes, being inconsistent with their speeds, and excessive or prolonged stopping at traffic signals or road signs.

With that in mind, I support Bill 459 to encourage drivers put their phones down while driving.

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