

# HOUSE BILL No. 1391

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-8-60; IC 35-52-9.1-20.2.

**Synopsis:** Use of telecommunications device while driving. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally violates the statute prohibiting use of a telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle commits a Level 5 felony if the violation is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury to another person.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1        SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-60 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2        AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3        1, 2026]: **Sec. 60. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally**  
4        **violates section 59(a) of this chapter commits a Level 5 felony if the**  
5        **violation is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury to another**  
6        **person.**

7        **(b) The offense described in subsection (a) is a Level 4 felony if**  
8        **the person has a previous infraction under section 59(a) of this**  
9        **chapter in the five (5) years preceding the violation of subsection**  
10        **(a).**

11        **(c) A person who violates subsection (a) commits a separate**  
12        **offense for each person whose injury is caused by the violation of**  
13        **subsection (a).**

14        SECTION 2. IC 35-52-9.1-20.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
15        CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16        [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 20.2. IC 9-21-8-60 defines a crime**  
17        **concerning traffic regulation.**

