

HOUSE BILL No. 1391

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.



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.**

