

REFERENCE TITLE: **distracted driving**

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Introduced by
Senator Mesnard

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 28-696; RELATING TO DRIVING VIOLATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The article heading of title 28, chapter 3, article 5, Arizona
4 Revised Statutes, is changed from "RECKLESS AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING" to
5 "DRIVING VIOLATIONS".

6 Sec. 2. Title 28, chapter 3, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,
7 is amended by adding section 28-696, to read:

8 28-696. Distracted driving

9 A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE DISTRACTED. A PERSON
10 VIOLATES THIS SECTION IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR WHILE OPERATING A
11 MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE PRESENCE OF OR WITHIN THE VIEW OF A PEACE OFFICER:

12 1. THE PERSON ENGAGES IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT IS NOT RELATED TO THE
13 ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IN A MANNER THAT INTERFERES WITH THE
14 SAFE OPERATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

15 2. THE PERSON OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A MANNER THAT IS AN
16 IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO ANOTHER PERSON, A MOTOR VEHICLE OR PROPERTY OR THE
17 PERSON DOES NOT EXERCISE REASONABLE CONTROL OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THE
18 CIRCUMSTANCES.