

Comprehensive List of Traffic Safety Related Legislation (2018)
(1-22-18)

Cell Phone Ban While Driving

HB 1292 – Sponsored by Rep. Mike Henderson (R-Bonne Terre). This legislation prohibits all drivers from texting messaging while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone.

Status: Not yet referred to a committee.

HB 1297 – Sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown (R-St. Louis). This legislation expands current law to prohibit all ages from using a hand-held electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. The prohibition includes texting and making telephone calls.

This bill is identical to **HB 1640** sponsored by Rep. Gretchen Bangert (D-St. Louis) and is similar to **SB 784** sponsored by Sen. Jamilah Nasheed (D-St. Louis)

Status: SB 784 referred to (S) Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HB 1298 – Sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown (R-St. Louis). This legislation expands current law to prohibit all ages from sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic message, unless the device is being used in a hands-free manner.

This bill is identical to **HB 1745** sponsored by Rep. Jim Hanson (R-Frankford).

Status: Bills not yet referred to a committee.

HB 1302 – Sponsored by Rep. Galen Higdon (R-St. Joseph). This legislation expands current law to prohibit all ages from using a hand-held electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. The prohibition includes texting and making telephone calls. The legislation would also prohibit any person less than 18 years of age or any person with an instruction permit or intermediate license from using an electronic wireless communications device, whether hands free or not, while operating a motor vehicle. Further, the bill amends the penalty provisions.

This bill is similar or identical to **HB 1489** sponsored by Rep. Mike Matthiesen (R-Bridgeton); **HB 1622** sponsored by Rep. Bill Reiboldt (R-Neosho); **HB 1952** sponsored by Rep. Nate Tate (R-St. Clair); **HB 2095** Rep. Greg Razer (D-Kansas City); **SB 749** sponsored by Sen. Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau); and **SB 755** sponsored by Sen. Jill Schupp (D-Creve Coeur).

Status: SB 749 and SB 755 referred to (S) Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HB 1600 - Sponsored by Rep. Galen Higdon (R-St. Joseph). This legislation would prohibit persons who receive compensation for transporting passengers from using a hand-held electronic wireless communication device while driving. Any enacted provision would be titled the “Fair Fare Passenger Safety Act.”

Status: Voted Do Pass in committee unanimously 10-0 on 1-23-18.

Primary Enforcement of Seat Belt Law

HB 1519 – Sponsored by Rep. Bill Reiboldt (R-Neosho). This legislation would allow Missouri’s seat belt law to be enforced as a primary offense, similarly to other traffic laws.

Status: Not yet referred to a committee.

Motorcycle Helmets

HB 1426 – Sponsored by Rep. Mike Kelley (R- Lamar). This bill would prohibit a law enforcement office from stopping, inspecting, or detaining a motorcyclist to solely enforce the requirement that he or she be wearing a helmet.

Status: Not yet referred to a committee.

SB 556 – Sponsored by Sen. Dan Brown (R-Rolla). This legislation removes the all rider motorcycle helmet law and provides only operators and passengers under 18 are required to wear a helmet. Motorcycle operators over 18 who do not wear a motor cycle helmet must meet certain insurance coverage thresholds.

Status: Referred to (S) Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety. Not yet referred to a committee.

HB 2158 – Sponsored by Rep. Shane Roden (R-Cedar Hill). Identical to SB 556.

Status: Not yet referred to a committee.