Hands Free Law
(House Bill 1360) will be in effect July 1, 2015

What does this mean?

- No use of hand held electronic devices capable of providing voice or data communication while driving or temporarily halted in traffic for a stop sign or traffic signal or other momentary delays
- This includes cell phones, GPS, tablets, iPods, iPads or other devices that require data entry
- Emergency calls to 911 or other public safety agencies will be allowed
- Bluetooth or other hands-free electronic devices will be allowed
- One hand non-cellular 2-way radio use will be allowed
- Drivers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to use any electronic device (hand-held or not) except to report an emergency. Anyone violating this will be subject to penalties and license suspension or revocation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Penalties for Violations</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st Offense</td>
<td>$100 fine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd offense</td>
<td>$250 fine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd Offense within 2 years</td>
<td>$500 fine</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Penalty assessments will be added to the fines

Why is this law important?

- During the past 4 years, 116 fatal crashes in New Hampshire were caused by distraction
- The increasing use of electronic devices is fast becoming the primary distraction
- While texting a driver is 23 times more likely to crash
- Sending or receiving a text, distracts the driver for almost 5 seconds
- At 50 miles per hour, we travel longer than the length of a football field during that 5 seconds
- Even dialing a phone number increases the risk of crashing by 3 times