

SB 5289-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Addresses traffic infractions for the crimes of distracted driving and driving dangerously distracted.

Revises distracted driving provisions with regard to portable electronic devices which are defined as a device that is capable of wireless communication or electronic data retrieval and is not manufactured primarily for hands-free use in a motor vehicle.

Creates the distracted driving prevention account.

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5289

May 16, 2017

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5289 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to updating the distracted driving infraction."

The bill creates a new traffic infraction that prohibits a person from using a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Section 5 creates a delayed implementation date of January 1, 2019. I am vetoing this section because public safety is better served by implementing this bill this year.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 5 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5289.

With the exception of Section 5, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5289 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor