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Texting-and-Driving ban takes effect Friday, Sept. 1

THE COLONY, Texas — Motorists are reminded that the Texas Legislature in June 2017 passed a **statewide ban on texting and driving, which goes into effect on Friday, Sept. 1.**

Under the new law, drivers are prohibited from reading, writing, or sending electronic messages while operating a motor vehicle. Motorists may still talk on the phone while driving but **only with a hands-free device.**

Violations are punishable by a fine but the new law also states that if an accident caused by texting and driving results in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, they can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and a jail term not to exceed one year.

For more information, contact The Colony Police Department at 972-625-1887 or view the full text of the new law online at: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/85R/analysis/html/HB00062S.htm>.

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