



# *Legislation, Regulation and Enforcement*

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# Governors Highway Safety Association

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- Non-profit association
- 50 states, 4 territories, DC and PR;
- Members appointed by Governor
- Administer federal highway safety behavioral grant programs
- Association focuses on behavioral issues
- Program areas include Distracted Driving



# GHSA Distracted Driving Policy

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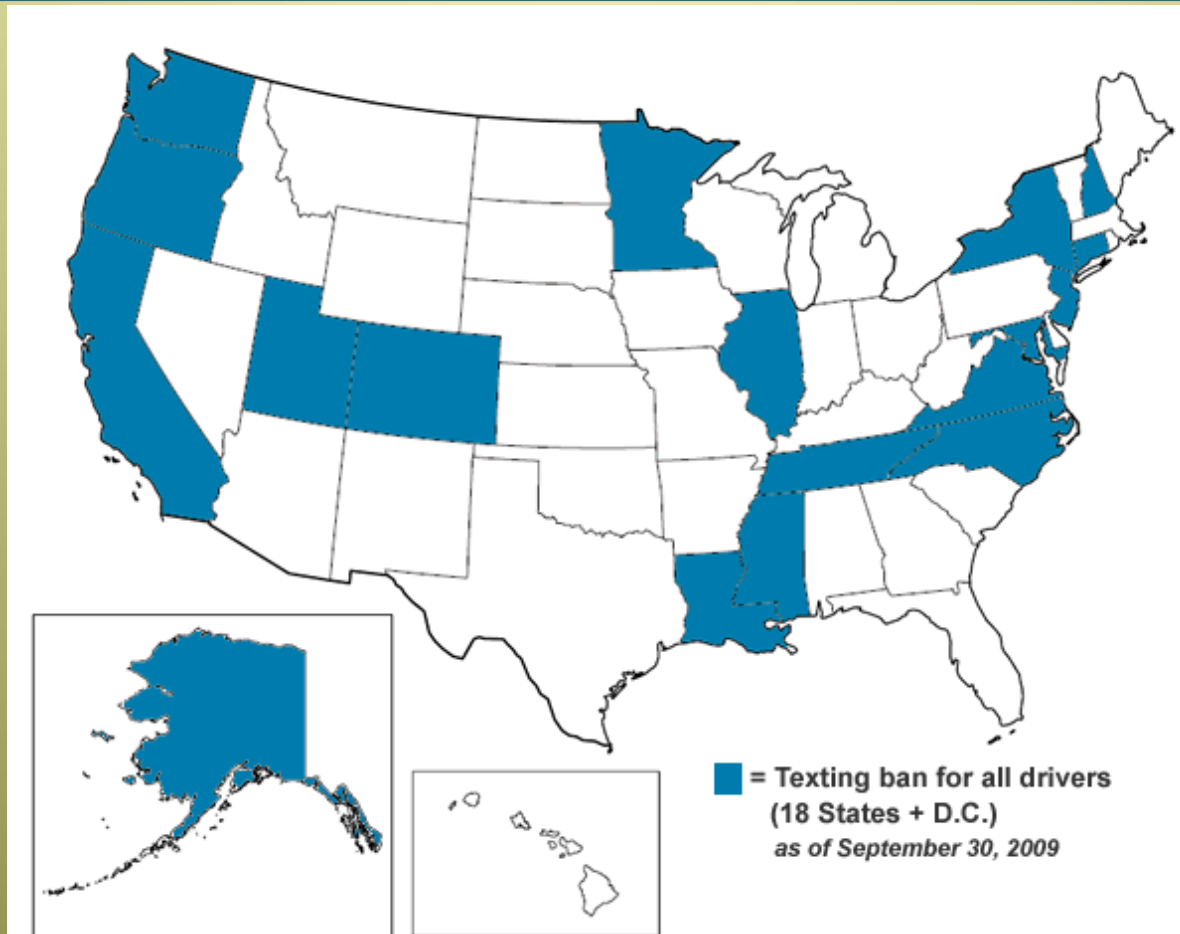
- Electronic devices
- Texting ban
- Novice driver ban
- Employer policies

# Legislation

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- More than 200 distracted driving bills were considered in 43 states
- 18 states and DC have enacted texting bans
- Hands free, school buses, novice drivers
- Existing Laws

# States Banning Texting for all Drivers





# Legislation Challenges

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- Legislation alone will not solve the problem
- Laws may be difficult to enforce
- If the distracted driving law is not enforced, then public confidence is eroded
- Lack of public trust in distracted driving laws could spill over to other traffic safety laws; and
- Experience with speeding laws illustrates what happens when traffic safety laws are not consistently enforced.

# Systematic Approach

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- Research and Data
- Legislation
- Enforcement & Adjudication
- Education
- Employer Policies
- Technology
- Funding

# Formula for Success

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# For More Information

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- For information about GHSA, [www.ghsa.org](http://www.ghsa.org);
- For chart showing state distracted driving legislation, [http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html)
- For GHSA standing policy on distraction, [http://www.ghsa.org/html/publications/pdf/2009\\_2010PPv1.pdf](http://www.ghsa.org/html/publications/pdf/2009_2010PPv1.pdf)
- Washington Office: 202-789-0942

