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**REPRESENTATIVE DOUG HOLDER INTRODUCES
LEGISLATION BANNING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE
DRIVING**

TALLAHASSEE, FL – State Representative Doug Holder (R-Sarasota) has re-introduced his Text Messaging While Driving legislation for the 2009 Legislative Session. HB 377, titled “Use of an Electronic Wireless Communications Device While Driving”, would prohibit the operation of a moving vehicle while reading, manually writing or typing, or sending messages on electronic wireless communications device. The legislation would create a secondary offense punishable by a \$30 fine.

“We hear stories day after day about people getting into accidents, sometimes fatal accidents, because they were texting while driving,” stated Holder, “and I know we have many distractions facing us as we drive. But this is becoming more and more of a problem every day. It’s time we act on this growing problem now rather than later.”

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