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## **Reboletti: Motorists Banned from Text Messaging While Driving**

Addison, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) supported a bill, recently signed by Governor Quinn, banning Illinois motorists from sending text messages while driving.

“Text messaging while driving is an accident waiting to happen. Banning drivers from sending texts is the very least we can do to increase public safety on our roadways. I hope this legislation will send an important message to drivers of all ages, especially teenagers, that they need to concentrate on the road,” said Reboletti.

As a member of the Vehicle Safety Committee, Reboletti helped advance the bill to the House for a vote. The bill eventually passed the General Assembly and was signed into law today by Governor Quinn.

“I am pleased this bill has become law because there is a growing concern that sending a text message while driving can lead to serious and sometimes deadly consequences. A recent study showed that texting while driving is more dangerous than drunk driving,” said Reboletti.

House Bill 71 bans the use of an electronic device to compose, send or read an electronic message while driving a motorized vehicle. The new law will go into effect Jan. 1.

GPS devices can still be used if they are part of the cell phone. And drivers will be able to pull over on the shoulder of the road to text or put their car in park or neutral if they are stuck in traffic to text.

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