



# The Student Senate

## Texas A&M University

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The Student Senate  
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Texas A&M University

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**Action Taken**



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### The Enforcement of Restricted Phone Use While Driving Act

*Special Designation: Act of the Senate*

*"A resolution affirming the Texas A&M student body's stance on the enforcement of any ordinance forbidding the use of cellular phone technology while operating a motor vehicle"*

**Whereas(1):** Texas A&M University and its students are extremely invested in enhancing safety for drivers and pedestrians within the Bryan-College Station community; and,

**Whereas(2):** Distracted driving due to cellular phone use could become a contributing factor to traffic accidents; and,

**Whereas(3):** Younger drivers, which comprise a large portion of the student body, are perceived to utilize their phones to a greater extend generally and while driving; and,

**Whereas(4):** Police officers may be able to exercise greater discretion when stopping younger drivers due to the aforementioned perception; and,



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**Whereas(5):** Students may subsequently find themselves more susceptible to penalties associated with greater discretion to be pulled over by law enforcement.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** If policies and mechanisms ensuring proper, reasonable enforcement do not accompany an ordinance banning the use of cellular phone technology while operating a motor vehicle, then the Texas A&M student body must oppose its enactment.

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(2):** That the following shall be added to Chapter \_\_ of the Code, creating Article \_\_:

ARTICLE \_\_. THE ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTED PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING ACT

SECTION I. Legislative Intent of this Particular Article

(a) The Student Senate intends this Act to set forth guidelines for establishing advocacy for opposing the planned or actual creation of a City of College Station, City of Bryan, or Brazos County ordinance that restricts the use of cellular phone technology while operating a motor vehicle.

SECTION II. Definitions

(a) For the purposes of this Article, the following words shall be ascribed the following meanings:

(1) “Cellular Phone Technology” shall be defined as any tools contained within the technological platform of a cellular phone.

(2) “Use” shall be defined as any engagement between the operator of a motor vehicle and a cellular phone.

(3)

SECTION III. The Enforcement of Phone Use While Driving Restrictions Policy and Proposal

a. It shall be the official policy of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of Texas A&M University, to oppose any initiative, plan, or proposal which would attempt to restrict the use of cellular phone technology while operating a vehicle without providing a proper, reasonable enforcement plan aimed at younger drivers.



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Further

**Resolved(3):** That a copy of this act be sent to:

Mayors (both cities)  
Councilmembers (both cities)  
City mangers (both cities)  
Police Chiefs (both cities)