Missouri General Assembly (2018) Cell Phone Ban While Driving Legislation

<u>HB 1292</u> – Sponsored by Rep. Mike Henderson (R-Bonne Terre). This legislation prohibits all drivers from texting messaging while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone. *Status as of 2/6/18:* Not yet referred to a committee.

<u>HB 1297</u> – Sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown (R-St. Louis). This legislation expands current law to prohibit all ages from using a hand- held electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. The prohibition includes texting and making telephone calls. *Status as of 2/6/18:* Not yet referred to a committee.

HB 1297 is identical to HB 1640 sponsored by Rep. Gretchen Bangert (D-St. Louis) and is similar to SB 784 sponsored by Sen. Jamilah Nasheed (D-St. Louis)

Status as of 2/6/18: SB 784 referred to (S) Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety on 1/17/18.

<u>HB 1298</u> – Sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown (R-St. Louis). This legislation expands current law to prohibit all ages from sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic message, unless the device is being used in a hands-free manner.

Status as of 2/6/18: Not yet referred to a committee.

HB 1298 is identical to <u>HB 1745</u> sponsored by Rep. Jim Hanson (R-Frankford). *Status as of 2/6/18:* Not yet referred to a committee.

HB 1302 – Sponsored by Rep. Galen Higdon (R-St. Joseph). This legislation expands current law to prohibit all ages from using a hand-held electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. The prohibition includes texting and making telephone calls. The legislation would also prohibit any person less than 18 years of age or any person with an instruction permit or intermediate license from using an electronic wireless communications device, whether hands free or not, while operating a motor vehicle. Further, the bill amends the penalty provisions. Status as of 2/6/18: Not yet referred to a committee.

This bill is similar or identical to <u>HB 1489</u> sponsored by Rep. Mike Matthiesen (R-Bridgeton); <u>HB 1622</u> sponsored by Rep. Bill Reiboldt (R-Neosho); <u>HB 1952</u> sponsored by Rep. Nate Tate (R-St. Clair); <u>HB 2095</u> Rep. Greg Razer (D-Kansas City); <u>SB 749</u> sponsored by Sen. Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau); and <u>SB 755</u> sponsored by Sen. Jill Schupp (D-Creve Coeur).

Status as of 2/6/18: **HB 1489**, **HB 1622**, **HB 1952**, **HB 2095** - Not yet referred to a committee. Status as of 2/6/18: **SB 749** and **SB 755** referred to (S) Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety on 1/16/18.

<u>HB 1600</u> - Sponsored by Rep. Galen Higdon (R-St. Joseph). This legislation would prohibit persons who receive compensation for transporting passengers from using a hand-held electronic wireless communication device while driving. Any enacted provision would be titled the "Fair Fare Passenger Safety Act."

Status as of 2/6/18: Referred to Crime Prevention & Public Safety (H), voted Do Pass in committee unanimously 10-0 on 1/23/18. Referred to Rules – Legislative Oversight (H), voted Do Pass in committee 10-1 on 1/30/18.