HOUSE BILL No. 5015

July 10, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Ruth Johnson and Godchaux and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled $\,$

"Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 626b (MCL 257.626b).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 626b. (1) A person who operates a vehicle upon a high-
- 2 way or a frozen public lake, stream, or pond or other place open
- 3 to the general public including an area designated for the park-
- 4 ing of vehicles in a careless or negligent manner likely to
- 5 endanger any person or property, but without wantonness or reck-
- 6 lessness, is responsible for a civil infraction.
- 7 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CARELESS OR NEGLIGENT MANNER"
- 8 INCLUDES THE USE OF A HANDHELD CELLULAR TELEPHONE THAT PREVENTS
- 9 THE PERSON FROM HAVING BOTH HANDS ON THE STEERING WHEEL OF THE
- 10 VEHICLE WHILE OPERATING THE VEHICLE EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO DIAL
- 11 A NUMBER.

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