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Senate

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Senate Bill 84

Relating to: restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons holding instruction permits or probationary licenses and providing a penalty.

By Senators Olsen, Lassa, Roessler, Stepp and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Petrowski, Gard, Lehman, Ainsworth, Albers, Black, Boyle, Cullen, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Jeskewitz, Kerkman, Kreibich, LeMahieu, Ott, Pettis, Seidel, Stone, Travis, Van Roy, Vos and Zepnick.

February 24, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

February 1, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Luther Olsen — Senator, 14th Senate District
- Jerry Petrowski — Representative, 86th Assembly District
- Pam Moen — AAA Wisconsin

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jeff Wiswell — Wisconsin Sheriff's & Deputy Sheriffs Association

Registrations Against

- None.

May 4, 2006

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

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February 1, 2006

TO: Chairman Neal Kedzie & Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Transportation

FROM: Pam Moen, AAA Wisconsin Public & Government Affairs Director

RE: AAA Wisconsin Support for S.B. 84/A.B. 120

Good morning, Chairman Kedzie and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to express AAA Wisconsin's support for Senate Bill 84/Assembly Bill 120. As you know, this legislation would appropriately restrict cell phone use for our youngest and least-experienced drivers. It would strengthen Wisconsin's existing graduated driver licensing law and would improve traffic safety for young drivers and the others who share the road with them.

AAA recently released a study indicating that two of every three people killed in crashes involving teen drivers are not the teen drivers themselves – but rather their passengers, occupants of other vehicles, and non-motorists. This holds true in Wisconsin, where the study found that of the 646 fatalities resulting from crashes involving 15-to-17-year-old drivers over the past 10 years, 250 were the teenage driver. The nearly 400 other people who died in these crashes were passengers, occupants of other vehicles, and non-motorists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that at least 25 percent of all tow-away crashes are related to some form of driver inattention. There are numerous driver distractions that contribute to these crashes, one of which, of course, is the use of cell phones.

Enacting legislation that restricts non-emergency cell-phone use by novice drivers is a prudent step. Learning to drive safely is serious business and it makes sense to expect beginner drivers to devote their full attention to driving – and not talk unnecessarily on their cell phones. This important distracted-driving restriction can easily be incorporated to enhance Wisconsin's existing GDL law.

AAA Wisconsin's most recent survey indicates that the organization's 600,000 members overwhelmingly support a GDL restriction on the use of cell phones. In fact, 96 percent of AAA members surveyed in 2005 are in favor of a cell phone restriction like the one we're discussing today.

I want to thank Senator Olsen and the other cosponsors for their leadership in authoring S.B. 84 and its companion, A.B. 120. And, I again want to thank Chairman Kedzie and the members of this committee for the opportunity to express AAA Wisconsin's support for this important safety measure. AAA believes this legislation will strengthen the already considerable success of Wisconsin's GDL law, and we urge your support for the bill.