Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Introduced by

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Senator C. Nelson

1	A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study safety issues related to cell
2	phones and driving.
3	WHEREAS, more than 90 million people subscribe to wireless telephone services and
4	85 percent of those subscribers use their cell phones while driving; and
5	WHEREAS, a 1997 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded
6	that the distraction caused by cell phone use in a motor vehicle quadrupled the risk of a
7	collision during the brief period of a call, a rate equivalent to the impairment caused by legal
8	intoxication; and
9	WHEREAS, California, Florida, and Massachusetts impose restrictions on cell phone
10	use in automobiles; and
11	WHEREAS, the impact of cell phone use while driving motor vehicles in this state is
12	unknown, and preemptive measures may ensure the safety of motorists and others;
13	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14	OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
15	That the Legislative Council study safety issues related to cell phones and driving; and
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
17	recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18	the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.