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HOUSE BILL **103**

AN ACT limiting the capabilities of wireless communication devices in motor vehicles.

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the email and texting capabilities of a wireless communication device to be disabled if the device is moving more than 5 miles per hour. The restriction shall not take effect unless 2 New England states adopt similar legislation.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT limiting the capabilities of wireless communication devices in motor vehicles.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Chapter; Wireless Communication Devices in Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA by inserting
2 after chapter 357-G the following new chapter:

3 CHAPTER 357-H

4 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN MOTOR VEHICLES

5 357-H:1 Capabilities of Wireless Communication Devices in Motor Vehicles.

6 I. Any wireless communication device equipped with GPS capabilities that is sold or
7 supplied for use in New Hampshire shall have the email and texting features of the device disabled if
8 the device is moving more than 5 miles per hour.

9 II. Any business that sells or supplies a device in violation of paragraph I shall be subject to
10 a fine of \$100 for each device sold or supplied in New Hampshire.

11 2 Contingency. If any 2 New England states adopt similar legislation restricting the capabilities
12 of wireless communication devices in motor vehicles, section 1 of this act shall take effect upon
13 certification of the attorney general to the secretary of state and the office of legislative services that
14 such states have enacted the legislation.

15 3 Effective Date.

16 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 2 of this act.

17 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.