

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3848

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Driver Distraction Pre-  
5 vention Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

1 tation shall enter into an arrangement with Temple Uni-  
2 versity's Institute for Survey Research, located in Phila-  
3 delphia, Pennsylvania, to conduct a study on the impact  
4 on highway safety of distractions to drivers operating  
5 motor vehicles in the United States.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under sub-  
7 section (a) shall include each of the following:

8 (1) An analysis of the impact on highway safety  
9 of the use of communications and entertainment  
10 technologies by drivers, including the use of—

11 (A) wireless telephones;

12 (B) pagers;

13 (C) facsimile machines;

14 (D) locator and global positioning devices;

15 (E) AM/FM radios;

16 (F) citizen band radios;

17 (G) dispatch radios;

18 (H) compact disc players;

19 (I) audio cassette players; and

20 (J) televisions and other video players.

21 (2) An analysis of any other distractions to  
22 drivers, if such distractions substantially impact  
23 highway safety.

1           (3) A review and analysis of any other studies  
2 of the impact on highway safety of distractions to  
3 drivers.

4           (4) An analysis of any technologies, existing or  
5 proposed, that reduce distractions to drivers.

6           (5) Recommendations for any public or private  
7 strategies, including any proposals for legislative or  
8 regulatory action, to reduce the negative impacts on  
9 highway safety of distractions to drivers.

10       (c) TRANSMITTAL.—The Secretary shall require  
11 under any arrangement entered into under subsection (a)  
12 that, not later than 1 year after the date on which the  
13 Secretary entered into such arrangement, Temple Univer-  
14 sity’s Institute for Survey Research transmit copies of the  
15 study conducted under this Act to the Secretary and to  
16 Congress.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18       There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
19 this Act \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

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