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Fact Sheet for HB 1225

- Cell phone use has grown dramatically in recent years, leading to a substantial increase in use while driving and an increase in distracted-driving related deaths.
- In 1995, only 11% of the U.S. population had a cell phone subscription.
- In 2010, 93% of the population had a subscription.
- Cell phone distractions include:
 - Talking
 - Texting
 - Dialing a number
 - Using social media
 - Playing games, music or apps
 - Surfing the web
 - Plugging the phone into a charger
 - General manipulation of the phone
- Approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or other electronic devices at any given moment during daylight hours.
- At any one time, 9% of drivers are talking on cell phones.
- A distracted driver is 4 times more likely to cause an accident.

Year	Statewide Total		Cell Phone Related				All Distraction Types (including Cell Phones)			
	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	%	Fatalities	%	Fatal Crashes	%	Fatalities	%
2008	473	548	6	1.3%	11	2.0%	41	8.7%	50	9.1%
2009	437	465	3	0.7%	3	0.6%	56	12.8%	58	12.5%
2010	411	450	7	1.7%	7	1.6%	57	13.9%	61	13.6%
2011	407	447	3	0.7%	3	0.7%	73	17.9%	79	17.7%
2012	434	474	8	1.8%	11	2.3%	88	20.3%	96	20.3%

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