



## News Release

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### **AAA TIDEWATER APPLAUDS THE PASSAGE OF HB 1907 AND SB 1222 STRENGTHENING VIRGINIA'S TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN**

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (Wednesday, February 06, 2013)** – AAA Tidewater praises Virginia lawmakers in both the house and senate for their tireless work and collaboration to passing bills which strengthen Virginia's current ban on texting while driving.

“Lawmakers took a bold step forward in the fight to dramatically reduce the dangerous activity of texting behind the wheel,” said Georjeane Blumling, Vice President of Public Affairs for AAA Tidewater Virginia. “Lawmakers are sending a clear message to Virginia drivers that texting behind the wheel will not be permitted and those who break the law will now be stopped and face more severe consequences.”

#### **Additional Notes:**

- *While companion bills have passed both the house and senate, each body must now approve the other chamber's legislation, and the governor must sign the legislation which would then become law on July 1, 2013.*
- *Additional statistics are available by calling AAA.*

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