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## **Lucky 21! Iowa Becomes 21st State to Ban Texting for All Drivers**

WASHINGTON, DC -- Iowa Governor Chet Culver has signed a bill that makes that state the 21st to ban texting while driving for all drivers. The new Iowa law also bans all cell phone use for teen drivers with intermediate or restricted licenses. Twelve states banned texting while driving in 2009. Already in 2010, Iowa and Wyoming have passed these common sense laws. Legislation is pending in numerous other states.

To further draw attention to the distracted driving issue as well as discuss comprehensive solutions, [GHSA's 2010 Annual Meeting](#) is themed "Technology and Highway Safety: What's Driving Our Future?" The conference will be held September 26-29 in Kansas City, Missouri.

GHSA Executive Director Barbara Harsha stated, "Congratulations to the state of Iowa for being a leader on the distracted driving issue. I expect 10-15 other states will follow suit this year. Regardless of the law, the best advice is to simply hang up and focus on driving."

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Cell phone and texting laws are posted online at:  
[www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html).

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