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MEMORANDUM

To: All Users of the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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SUBJECT: **Interim Guidance; Part 2, Signs**
No Texting and Hand Held Cell Phone Sign (SR 1-20-DE)
Engine Compression Brake Prohibition Sign (SR1-19-DE)

This Interim Guidance to the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is related to the use of “No Texting and Hand Held Cell Phone” signs (SR1-20-DE) within the State of Delaware. In addition, this interim guidance provides modifications to language concerning the existing “Engine Compression Brake Prohibition” Sign (SR1-19-DE).

Should you have questions concerning the information contained in this interim guidance, please contact my office (302) 659-4060.

New Language – Part 2

Section 2B.72 NO TEXTING AND HAND HELD CELL PHONE Sign (SR 1-20-DE)

Guidance:

01 (DE Revision) *NO TEXTING AND HAND HELD CELL PHONE (SR 1-20-DE) signs should be located at all major points of entry into the state to inform motorists of their responsibilities under §4176(c) of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, related to the use of electronic communication devices while driving.*

Support:

02 (DE Revision) Major points of entry include Interstate, U.S. Route, and State Route crossings of the state line.

Standard:

03 (DE Revision) If used, SR1-20-DE signs shall have an information plaque at the top of the sign with the black legend, STATE LAW, on a yellow background (see Figure 1). The body of the sign shall consist of a black legend and border on a white background with contrast panel of white legend on black background (see Figure 1).

Option:

04 (DE Revision) When installed along multi-lane divided highways, SR 1-20-DE signs may be installed on both the right-hand and left-hand sides of the roadway when adequate space is available.



Guidance

05 (DE Revision) *If used, SR1-20-DE signs should be located near the state line.*

Option:

07 (DE Revision) Since the SR1-20-DE signs do not pertain to a specific site condition or location they may be located in open areas away from other traffic control devices to more easily attract the attention of motorists if sufficient space near the state line does not exist.

08 (DE Revision) SR1-20-DE signs may be located at other locations along major highways including Interstates, U.S. Routes and State Routes.

09 (DE Revision) SR1-20-DE signs may be installed along roads at the municipal boundaries of cities, towns, and municipalities at the request of the local government.

Standard:

10 (DE Revision) **The cost to install and maintain SR1-20-DE signs requested by local governments shall be the responsibility of the local government requesting the signs.**

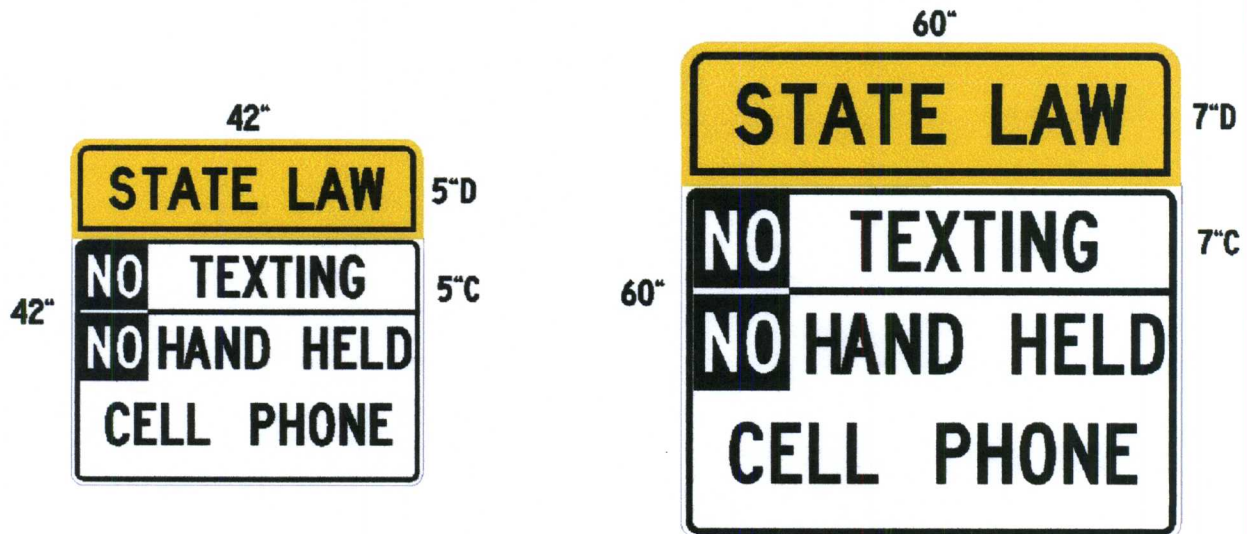


Figure 1. NO TEXTING AND HAND HELD CELL PHONE Sign (SR 1-20-DE)

Modified Language – Part 2

Section 2B.70 Engine Compression Brake Prohibition Sign (SR1-19-DE)

Guidance Option:

01 (DE Revision) Engine Compression Brake Prohibition (SR1-19-DE) signs ~~should~~ may be installed at all major points of entry into the state and along designated truck routes entering the state to inform motorists of their responsibilities under § 4303 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, which restricts the use of engine exhaust braking systems except in emergency braking situations.

Support:

02 (DE Revision) Major points of entry include Interstate, U.S. Route, and State Route crossings of the state line. Truck routes consist of those with a formal designation as a truck route.

Standard:

03 (DE Revision) **If used, SR1-19-DE signs shall have a black legend and border on a white background. SR1-19-DE signs shall also have an informational plaque at the top of the sign with the black legend, TRUCKS, on a yellow background (see Figure 2B-33).**

