Strengthening Distracted Driving Education, Legislation and Enforcement

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(VT/AD) What Are You Looking At? The Importance of Driver Monitoring
Safe Testing and Deployment of Vehicles Equipped with Automated Driving Systems, Edition 2

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Purpose:
To facilitate a consistent regulatory framework to balance public safety with the advancement of vehicle innovations, and ultimately to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries.
Chapters:

1. Executive Summary
2. Definitions and Acronyms
3. Administrative Considerations
4. Vehicle Considerations
5. Driver Licensing Considerations
6. Law Enforcement Considerations
7. Other Considerations
8. Next Steps
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This white paper contains **5 MOE recommendations, 2 Jurisdiction recommendations and Model Legislation.**

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**OUR VISION** Safe drivers | Safe vehicles | Secure identities | Saving lives!
Background
The purpose of this paper is to provide guidance to jurisdictions on strengthening distracted driving education, legislation, and enforcement to better address existing and emerging technologies including ADAS- and ADS-equipped vehicles.

Guidelines for Testing ADS-Equipped Vehicles
MOE Recommendation 3: MOEs should incorporate technology to alert the “driver” when the ADS cannot maintain or complete a driving task …”
Guidelines for Deployed ADAS/ADS-Equipped Vehicles

MOE Recommendation 4: MOEs should design ADS-equipped vehicles with a means of identifying when a vehicle is in automated mode to facilitate effective enforcement of distracted driving laws...

MOE Recommendation 5: MOEs should incorporate technology that monitors the driver's awareness with the vehicle prompting disengagement of activated self-driving mode if the driver is not paying sufficient attention to the DDT.
Model Distracted Driving Legislation – Highlights:

- Defines “Dangerously Distracted Driving”
- Defines Personal Electronic Device
- Establishes that enforcement of dangerously distracted driving may be accomplished as a primary enforcement action
- Establishes that using a PED while driving constitutes prima facie evidence that the driver was dangerously distracted

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