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# SLOSBERG REPORT

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Dept. of Insurance -  
Fraud, Discrimination,  
Senior  
Resources, Road Safety,  
Notary, Health Care and  
more...

## It's the Law!

When I lost my twin sister Dori Slosberg in a car crash 23 years ago, I was almost killed. And since 1996, my family has lived with this tragedy every day. Even before becoming a legislator, I've worked every day to ensure that others will not go through the pain I went through of losing a loved one on our roadways because of dangerous conduct. I've met so many other victims and survivors – and I've been awed by their focus, determination and resilience.

In this legislative session, I filed House Bill 107, the Wireless Communication while Driving Act, as a local bill, as an amendment, as a regular bill and I even called for a special session, in honor of Dori and other victims. From all over the state, other victims and family members came to Tallahassee again and again to meet with legislators, to testify on short notice and to honor their lost loved ones.

In the final days of the legislative session, the bill was adopted in the House of Representatives and then the Senate. With the Governor's signature in mid-May, Florida officially made texting while driving a primary offense starting July 1. A public awareness campaign begins Oct. 1 and continues through the end of the year, with citations starting Jan. 1. The bill will change driver behavior and save countless lives on Florida's roadways. From the beginning, this legislation has been about one thing and one thing only – saving lives. The law is genuinely a tribute to Dori and other victims.

A handwritten signature of Emily Slosberg in black ink.

# OPINION

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### OUR VIEW: TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

## Legislators save lives with ban on texting, driving

Texting while driving is dangerous, and sometimes fatal. We've known this for years. The grim accident statistics, backed by tragic stories, told us so. But it wasn't until this just-ended legislative session, that Florida lawmakers showed the wisdom to do something more. Well, better late than never. A focused, bipartisan effort...

## Florida texting passes House heading to

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A bill cracking down on texting while driving is heading to Gov. Ron DeSantis.

## TEXTING

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have enforcement... zones and construction...

**TEXTING**  
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...driving designated a primary offense - Florida would become the 44th state to do so - is still a major accomplishment for driving safety advocates, who have been working on the legislation for years.

## Florida Legislature approves ban on texting while driving

By Zac Anderson  
Gainesville, Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida lawmakers put some teeth in the state's texting while driving ban Monday, finalizing legislation that allows law enforcement to pull over drivers solely for texting. The bill now goes to Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has voiced support for the proposal. It would make texting while driving a primary offense instead of a secondary offense and requires drivers to go totally hands free when operating wireless communications devices in school zones and in construction zones when workers are present.

The Florida House passed the legislation Monday after reaching a deal with the Senate, which had proposed a broader hands-free bill. "It took some compromise to get it done," House Speaker Jose Oliva, R-Miami, said Monday.

The texting bill cleared House 108-7 Monday, passing the Senate 3 weeks ago. "Hands-free is what should be," Sen. Simpson, R-Trifly, said the bill cleared the House. "Many, many lives saved by the texting while driving bill; many more would be saved by a hands-free bill." But getting it done...

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## Texting while driving is banned

After many years of roadblocks, lawmakers send measure to DeSantis

By Kayla Swartz  
South Florida Staff Writer  
TALLAHASSEE — A bill that allows police to stop drivers just for texting is headed to the governor after clearing a series of legislative roadblocks in the Florida Legislature. The House voted 104-7 Monday to make texting while driving a primary offense.

Rep. Emily Siroberg, D-Punta Raton, fought for several years for a tougher law, but her bills kept stalling because of privacy and racial-profiling concerns. In 2016, Siroberg was injured in a wreck that killed five teenagers, including her twin sister, Dori, the crash was caused by a reckless driver. Siroberg, who was 16 at the time, suffered broken bones and a punctured lung in the crash.

"It's a gross day for our state of Florida," she said Monday just moments after the vote. "We are going to see TEXTING, 6A

### More action from the legislature

- Lawmakers approve bill to create program for prescription drug imports from Canada. Making such drugs more affordable has been a priority for Gov. DeSantis, but without more bipartisan action, it remains on the sidelines.
- Civilian justice reform bill passes in Senate. 18
- Yield Florida gets 1-year reprieve on life on budget. Legislators agree to funding through June 2020.
- Lawmakers mention California synthetic cloning before giving unanimous approval for anti-Semites schools bill. 28

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW



Millie Corbin (center) was recognized for waging a personal, statewide campaign during the 2019 legislative session to make reforms in Florida's medical negligence laws. Mrs. Corbin undertook "Kit's Crusade" on behalf of her son, a special needs Floridian who died last year at age 58. Shown above (left to right) are State Rep. John Cortes, Mrs. Corbin, State Rep. Emily Slosberg, and Mrs. Corbin's daughter Julia Holmes.

Don't forget! June 16  
Happy Father's Day





The end of the 2019 Legislative session put Palm Beach County representatives in the spotlight as they reported back to constituents. Above, at a meeting of the Coalition of West Boynton Residential Associations, members of the legislative delegation reported on accomplishments.

## Get Ready for Hurricanes . . .

Hurricane season is here even as extensive devastation from last fall's Category 5 storm in the Florida Panhandle remains. For all of us living on Florida's east coast, the critical importance of storm preparation is brought home by debris still found throughout the Panhandle. Hurricane Michael left homes, public facilities, and businesses in shambles – and gave all of us a sharp reminder that every family should have a plan and hurricane preparations in place. Depending on your circumstances, that might mean:

- Relocating outside this area ahead of last-minute traffic jams and freeway bottlenecks;
- Staying with local friends or family;
- Remaining at home;
- Going to a shelter.

It's crucial to plan for every outcome. Remember your pets. Purchase emergency essentials. Review preparations with your family.

### **Important phone numbers:**

Emergency           911  
Public safety   561-712-6400  
Community Help Line   211

Animal Care & Control   561-233-1200  
American Red Cross   561-833-7711  
PBC Code Enforcement   561-233-5500



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**Hosted by Dist. 91 House Representative**

**Rep. Emily Slosberg**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sat. June 29**

**At Movies of Delray - Hagen Ranch Rd. and Atlantic Ave  
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