

1 [Urging the California State Legislature to Pass Assembly Bill 840]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 840 to require**
4 **the Department of Motor Vehicles to have driver's license applicants sign a statement**
5 **implying they are aware of the dangers caused by distracted driving.**
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7 WHEREAS, California ranks first in the nation for the highest number of annual
8 reported pedestrian fatalities and fourth in the nation behind New York, Hawaii, and New
9 Jersey for the highest percentage of traffic fatalities that are pedestrians; and

10 WHEREAS, San Franciscans experience about 800 pedestrian injures and 22 fatalities
11 every year. This translates to 2 to 3 pedestrians per day; and

12 WHEREAS, In order to prosecute a person at fault in an accident, the District Attorney
13 must usually prove "intent." If they cannot prove that a driver knew, or reasonably should
14 have known, that their actions were dangerous before hitting someone with a car, then the
15 District Attorney will have more difficulty prosecuting and reaching justice; and

16 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 840 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles
17 include a disclaimer on all driver's license tests upon the updating of their current system; and

18 WHEREAS, The disclaimer would state that the applicant is fully aware and recognizes
19 the risks and personal liability of driving while distracted; and

20 WHEREAS, This bill will improve California's annual ranking of safety for pedestrians
21 and bicyclists by making drivers more aware of their liability and duty as a California State
22 Driver; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 hereby urges the California State Legislature to pass AB 840.
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City and County of San Francisco
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Resolution

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May 14, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Absent: 1 - Mar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/14/2013 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

5/22/13

Date Approved

Date: May 22, 2013

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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