

(Neb.)-Texting, Seat Belt Bills Possible For 2013 Session

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LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP) - A Nebraska highway safety official says discussions are afoot for legislation next year that would make it a primary offense to text while driving.

Nebraska Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonechek is eyeing at least two proposals designed to improve driver safety.

One proposal would apply to texting while driving. The other would make it a primary offense for drivers and front-seat passengers to not wear seatbelts.

Current Nebraska law considers driving without a seat belt a secondary offense. That means motorists can't be cited unless they're already being cited for another violation.

Zwonechek says he's in favor of introducing the measures just to bring the issue into the spotlight.