

HB 1489 -- DRIVING WHILE USING COMMUNICATION DEVICES

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This bill prohibits the use of a hand held communication device while driving for both commercial and non-commercial vehicles, except for emergency vehicles, roadside assistance, and relaying information between commercial operators and dispatchers.

Anyone violating these provisions are subject to a \$50 infraction, with a \$100 infraction for specified offenses involving work zones and areas clearly marked with cones. This offense is not a moving violation, but will be considered a serious traffic offense under the commercial vehicle laws.

The bill contains a preemption clause and it maintains a general ban on the use of any type of electronic communication device whether hands free or requiring hands for anyone less than 18 years of age.