
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§291- Text messaging prohibited; penalty. (a) Except
5 as provided in subsection (b), no person shall operate a motor
6 vehicle upon any public highway while simultaneously sending,
7 reading, or writing a text message on an electronic wireless
8 communications device including a wireless telephone.

9 (b) This section shall not apply to a person:

10 (1) Operating an authorized emergency vehicle;

11 (2) Operating a voice-activated global positioning or
12 navigation system that is permanently affixed to the
13 vehicle;

14 (3) Making a telephone call on a wireless telephone or a
15 telephone permanently affixed to the vehicle; or

16 (4) Text messaging to:

17 (A) Report illegal activity to law enforcement
18 authorities;



Report Title:

Traffic Violations; Text Messaging; Transportation

Description:

Prohibits text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.
Provides fine for violation of the prohibition.

