
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- Use of cellular telephones while driving
5 prohibited; exceptions. (a) Except as provided in subsection
6 (c), no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public highway
7 while using a cellular telephone, unless the cellular telephone
8 is a hands-free device.
9 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be fined
10 not more than \$.
11 (c) This section shall not apply to:
12 (1) The use of a cellular telephone to report a medical or
13 public safety emergency, or to obtain assistance for a
14 medical or public safety emergency; or
15 (2) The use of a cellular telephone by police officers,
16 firefighters, or emergency services personnel, while
17 in the performance of their official duties.



1 (d) For the purposes of this section, "hands-free device"
2 means any device or accessory that permits a person to use a
3 cellular telephone without lifting or holding the handset to the
4 person's ear."

5 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun, before its effective date.

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Vehicles; Cellular Telephones

Description:

Prohibits drivers from using cellular telephones while operating a motor vehicle unless it is a hands-free device or for emergency use.

