

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0211

Electronic communications prohibited while driving.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blackburn, Pownall and Washut

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; prohibiting the use of
2 handheld electronic wireless communication devices while
3 operating a motor vehicle; amending exceptions; repealing
4 provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-237(a)(intro), (ii) and (d)(iii)
9 is amended to read:

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11 **31-5-237. Use of handheld electronic wireless**
12 **communication devices for electronic messaging prohibited;**
13 **exceptions; penalties.**

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1 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a
2 public street or highway while using ~~a handheld~~an
3 electronic wireless communication device. ~~to write, send or~~
4 ~~read a text based communication.~~ This section shall not
5 apply to a person who is using ~~a handheld~~an electronic
6 wireless communication device:

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8 (ii) To contact an emergency response vehicle;
9 or

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11 (d) As used in this section:

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13 (iii) "Voice operated or hands free technology"
14 means technology that allows a user to write, send or read
15 a text based communication initiate or answer a phone call
16 without the use of either hand except to activate,
17 deactivate or initiate a feature or function;

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-5-237(a)(iii) and (d)(iv) is
20 repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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