

SENATE FILE NO. SF0093

Use of cell phones while driving.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Esquibel, F. and Scott and
Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; modifying offense of
2 operating a motor vehicle while using a handheld electronic
3 wireless communication device for text based communications
4 to include other communications; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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

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12 **31-5-237. Use of handheld electronic wireless**
13 **communication devices for electronic messaging prohibited;**
14 **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 electronic
3 wireless communication device ~~to write, send or read a~~
4 ~~text based communication~~ in any manner. This section shall
5 not apply to a person who is using a handheld electronic
6 wireless communication device:

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

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11 (iv) When using ~~voice operated or~~ hands free
12 technology.

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14 (d) As used in this section:

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16 (iii) "~~Voice operated or~~ Hands free technology"
17 means technology that allows a user to ~~write, send or read~~
18 ~~a text based communication~~ communicate without the use of
19 either hand except to activate, deactivate or initiate a
20 feature or function. †

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23 repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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