

HB 26 -- Wireless Telephone Use While Driving

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This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle on public property while using a wireless telephone unless that telephone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking and is being used in that manner or the motor vehicle is stationary. Any person using a wireless telephone for emergency purposes; an emergency services professional using a wireless telephone in the scope of his or her duties; or a person using a digital two-way radio who is driving a commercial vehicle excluding pick-up trucks, wreckers, or tow trucks will be exempt from the provisions of the bill. Any violation will be punishable by a \$20 fine for a first offense and a \$50 fine for a second offense.