

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1945, Page 1, in the Title, Lines 2-3, by  
2 deleting the phrase "automated traffic enforcement systems, with a referendum clause" and inserting  
3 in lieu thereof "traffic regulations"; and

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5 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 304.288, Line 22, by inserting the following after all of  
6 said line:

7 "304.820. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person [twenty-one years of  
8 age or younger] operating a noncommercial moving motor vehicle upon the highways of this state  
9 shall, by means of a hand-held electronic wireless communications device, send, read, or write a  
10 text message or electronic message, unless the device is equipped with technology allowing for  
11 voice-recognition hands-free texting and is being used in such manner.

12 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall operate a commercial motor  
13 vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone.

14 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall operate a commercial motor  
15 vehicle while using a wireless communications device to send, read, or write a text message or  
16 electronic message.

17 4. The provisions of subsection 1 through subsection 3 of this section shall not apply to a  
18 person operating:

19 (1) An authorized emergency vehicle; or

20 (2) A moving motor vehicle while using a hand-held electronic wireless communications  
21 device to:

22 (a) Report illegal activity;

23 (b) Summon medical or other emergency help;

24 (c) Prevent injury to a person or property; or

25 (d) Relay information between a transit or for-hire operator and that operator's dispatcher, in  
26 which the device is permanently affixed to the vehicle.

27 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting a person from  
28 making or taking part in a telephone call, by means of a hand-held electronic wireless  
29 communications device, while operating a noncommercial motor vehicle upon the highways of this  
30 state.

31 6. As used in this section, "electronic message" means a self-contained piece of digital  
32 communication that is designed or intended to be transmitted between hand-held electronic wireless

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1 communication devices. "Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, a text  
2 message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an internet site.

3 7. As used in this section, "hand-held electronic wireless communications device" includes  
4 any hand-held cellular phone, palm pilot, blackberry, or other mobile electronic device used to  
5 communicate verbally or by text or electronic messaging, but shall not apply to any device that is  
6 permanently embedded into the architecture and design of the motor vehicle.

7 8. As used in this section, "making or taking part in a telephone call" means listening to or  
8 engaging in verbal communication through a hand-held electronic wireless communication device.

9 9. As used in this section, "send, read, or write a text message or electronic message" means  
10 using a hand-held electronic wireless telecommunications device to manually communicate with any  
11 person by using an electronic message. Sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic  
12 message does not include reading, selecting, or entering a phone number or name into a hand-held  
13 electronic wireless communications device for the purpose of making a telephone call.

14 10. A violation of this section shall be deemed an infraction and shall be deemed a moving  
15 violation for purposes of point assessment under section 302.302.

16 11. The state preempts the field of regulating the use of hand-held electronic wireless  
17 communications devices in motor vehicles, and the provisions of this section shall supercede any  
18 local laws, ordinances, orders, rules, or regulations enacted by a county, municipality, or other  
19 political subdivision to regulate the use of hand-held electronic wireless communication devices by  
20 the operator of a motor vehicle.

21 12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

22 (1) The operator of a vehicle that is lawfully parked or stopped;

23 (2) Any of the following while in the performance of their official duties: a law  
24 enforcement officer; a member of a fire department; or the operator of a public or private  
25 ambulance;

26 (3) The use of factory-installed or aftermarket global positioning systems (GPS) or wireless  
27 communications devices used to transmit or receive data as part of a digital dispatch system;

28 (4) The use of voice-operated technology;

29 (5) The use of two-way radio transmitters or receivers by a licensee of the Federal  
30 Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service."; and

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32 Further amend said bill and page, Section B, Lines 1-7, by deleting all of said lines from the bill;  
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35 Further amend said bill and page, Section C, Lines 1-7, by deleting all of said lines from the bill;  
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38 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
39 accordingly.