

HB 312 -- COMMUNICATION DEVICE REGULATION FOR DRIVERS

SPONSOR: Walker (3)

The bill prohibits any person operating a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state to use any hand-held electronic wireless communications device. Prohibited use includes reading, composing, viewing, or posting any electronic message; initiating, receiving, or conducting a conversation; or manually typing data into any electronic wireless communication device.

The bill does not apply to:

- (1) An authorized emergency vehicle under Section 304.022, RSMo;
- (2) A motor vehicle that is responding to another motor vehicle's request for roadside assistance upon the highways of this state when such response is conducted in the course and scope of a commercial activity; or
- (3) A motor vehicle while using a hand-held electronic wireless communications device to contact emergency services or relay information between a transit or for-hire motor vehicle operator and that operator's dispatcher when the device is affixed to the motor vehicle.

Fees and penalties associated with violations are specified in the bill.