

By Senator Deutch

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to certain prohibited activities in motor  
3 vehicles; prohibiting reading, writing, or the use of  
4 wireless communications devices while operating a motor  
5 vehicle; providing exceptions; providing a penalty;  
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Cellular telephones.--

11 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person may not  
12 operate a motor vehicle on the highways of this state while  
13 reading, manually writing, or sending a text message on a  
14 wireless communications device.

15 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person operating:

16 (a) An authorized emergency vehicle; or

17 (b) A moving motor vehicle while using an electronic  
18 wireless communications device:

19 1. To report illegal activities;

20 2. To summon medical or other emergency help; or

21 3. To prevent injury or damage to a person or property.

22 (3) Any person who violates subsection (1) commits a  
23 noncriminal moving traffic violation and shall pay a fine of \$100  
24 for each offense.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.