

HB 2444 -- Wireless Telephone Use While Driving

Sponsor: Webb

Beginning July 1, 2011, 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 or on private property. Any person using a wireless telephone for emergency purposes; an emergency services professional using a wireless telephone while operating an authorized emergency vehicle in the scope of his or her duties; or a person using a digital two-way radio who is driving a commercial motor vehicle, excluding a pick-up truck, a wrecker or tow truck, or a farm tractor will be exempt from the provisions of the bill. Any violation will be deemed an infraction and punishable by a \$20 fine for a first offense and a \$50 fine for a second offense.