

HB 228 -- CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

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Currently, an individual 21 years of age or younger is prohibited from sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic message from a hand-held electronic wireless communications device while operating a moving motor vehicle on any highway in this state.

This bill prohibits anyone operating a moving noncommercial motor vehicle, regardless of age, from these activities and from making or taking part in a phone call unless the device is equipped with technology allowing for hands-free operation or equipped for voice-recognition hands-free texting and is being used in that manner.

Drivers of commercial vehicles are currently prohibited from driving while using a hand-held mobile telephone.

This bill is similar to HB 2449 (2022).