
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1214

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By Representatives McDonald and Morrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to operating a motor vehicle while reading,
2 writing, or sending electronic messages; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.61 RCW; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person
8 operating a moving motor vehicle while reading, manually writing, or
9 sending a text message on an electronic wireless communications device
10 is guilty of a traffic infraction.

11 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person
12 operating:

13 (a) An authorized emergency vehicle;

14 (b) A moving motor vehicle who is also operating an amateur radio
15 and who holds a current, valid amateur radio station license issued by
16 the federal communications commission; or

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

19 (i) Report illegal activity;

1 (ii) Summon medical or other emergency help; or

2 (iii) Prevent injury to a person or property.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2008.

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