

---

HOUSE BILL 3184

---

State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2006 Regular Session

By Representatives McCoy and Santos

Read first time 01/24/2006. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1            AN ACT Relating to cellular devices; and adding a new chapter to  
2 Title 46 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the "cell  
5 phone restriction act of 2006."

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that the rate of  
7 collisions increase when drivers talk on their cellular devices while  
8 in the flow of traffic.

9            The purpose of this act is to lower the rate of accidents caused by  
10 cellular devices.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.** (1) Cellular devices shall not be used by a  
12 driver who has possessed an intermediate license for six months or less  
13 while the car is in the flow of traffic.

14           (2) After the six-month period, cellular devices shall not be used  
15 by a driver without hands-free devices while the car is in the flow of  
16 traffic.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   The definitions in this section apply  
2 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3        (1) "Cellular devices" means devices that act as telephones using  
4 a wireless cellular network.   This includes, but is not limited to,  
5 wireless phones, blackberries, and other cell phone and/or electronic  
6 organizer devices.

7        (2) "Intermediate licenses" means licenses issued by the state of  
8 Washington to drivers between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years of  
9 age.

10       (3) "Hands-free devices" means devices used for the purpose of  
11 using a cellular device without the need of holding the device.   This  
12 includes, but it not limited to, headsets which may be wired or  
13 unwired, speaker phones, and services such as OnStar.

14       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute  
15 a new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

--- END ---