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SYNOPSIS

Makes it a primary offense for motorists to talk on or text message with hand-held wireless telephone or electronic communication device while driving.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on June 14, 2007, with amendments.

AN ACT concerning the use of wireless telephones ²and electronic communication devices² in motor vehicles and amending P.L.2003, c.310.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 1 of P.L.2003, c.310 (C.39:4-97.3) is amended to read as follows:

1. a. The use of a wireless telephone ²or electronic communication device² by an operator of a moving motor vehicle on a public road or highway shall be unlawful except when the telephone is a hands-free wireless telephone ²or the electronic communication device is used hands-free², provided that its placement does not interfere with the operation of federally required safety equipment and the operator exercises a high degree of caution in the operation of the motor vehicle. ²For the purposes of this section, an "electronic communication device" shall not include an amateur radio.²

b. The operator of a motor vehicle may use a hand-held wireless telephone while driving with one hand on the steering wheel only if: