

SENATE FILE NO. SF0116

School bus drivers-cell phone use.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Johnson and Representative(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to operation of motor vehicles; prohibiting
2 use of cell phones by persons operating school district
3 buses; providing exceptions; providing penalties; providing
4 a definition; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-238 is created to read:

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10 **31-5-238. Use of cell phones by school bus drivers**
11 **prohibited.**

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13 (a) No person shall use a cellular telephone while
14 operating a school bus for a school district organized
15 pursuant to W.S. 21-3-101, et seq. unless the cellular

1 telephone is specifically designed to allow hands-free
2 operation and is used in a hands-free manner.

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4 (b) This section shall not apply to a person who is
5 occupying a legally parked school bus or to a person who is
6 specifically contacting an emergency services agency to
7 inform that agency of an emergency.

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9 (c) A person convicted of violating this section is
10 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more
11 than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment
12 for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

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14 (d) As used in this section, "cellular telephone"
15 means a mobile communication device that uses short-wave
16 analog or digital radio transmissions between the device
17 and a transmitter to permit wireless communications to and
18 from the user of the device.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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