

HANDS FREE LAW

Chapter 90, § 13B



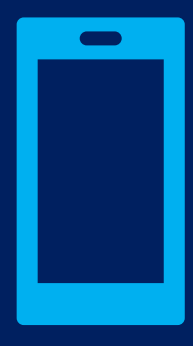
Drivers are now prohibited from:



holding a mobile electronic device



looking at a mobile electronic device unless:
-viewing navigation &
-device affixed to vehicle



using a mobile electronic device unless in **hands-free mode***

*operation of a mobile electronic device by which a user engages in a voice communication or receives audio without touching or holding the device; provided, however, that a mobile electronic device may require a single tap or swipe to activate, deactivate or initiate the hands-free mode feature

Emergency Defense

Evidence that the use of a mobile device was in response to an emergency is a defense

For qualifying emergencies, remember: HANDS-free

- H**elp needed (medical)
- A**ccident on roadway
- N**eeds assistance (police, fire, emergency services)
- D**isabled vehicle

Fine Structure

- \$100 fine (not surchargeable)
- \$250 fine + program completion (not surchargeable)
- \$500 fine + program completion (surchargeable)

First Responder Exemption

This law does not apply to public safety personnel or emergency first responders using a mobile electronic device while operating an emergency services vehicle and engaged in the performance of their duties

Feb. 23, 2020
Law becomes effective



Mar. 31, 2020
citations for all violations

citations issued for only subsequent offenses and typing or reading of electronic message

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