

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 124—ASSEMBLYMEN MANENDO, ATKINSON, ALLEN, ANDERSON, BEERS, BOBZIEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, GANSERT, GERHARDT, HOGAN, KIHUEN, KOIVISTO, MABEY, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, STEWART AND WOMACK

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, HORSFORD, LEE, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, TITUS AND WOODHOUSE

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Prohibits minors from using cellular telephones while operating motor vehicles. (BDR 43-59)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; prohibiting minors from using cellular telephones while operating motor vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill prohibits a minor who is operating a motor vehicle from using a
2 cellular telephone except in the case of an emergency.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person who*
4 *is under 18 years of age shall not use a cellular telephone or any*



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1 *other similar means of communication while operating a motor*
2 *vehicle, including, without limitation, any such means of*
3 *communication that has a hands-free accessory.*

4 2. *The provisions of this section do not apply if the person is*
5 *using the cellular telephone or any other similar means of*
6 *communication in an emergency.*

7 3. *For purposes of this section, "emergency" means a*
8 *situation in which immediate action is necessary to protect the*
9 *health, welfare or safety of the driver or another person and*
10 *stopping the vehicle would be inadvisable, impractical or*
11 *dangerous.*

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 707.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 707.375 1. An agency, board, commission or political
14 subdivision of this State, including, without limitation, any agency,
15 board, commission or governing body of a local government, shall
16 not regulate the use of a telephonic device by a person who is
17 operating a motor vehicle ~~H~~ , *except as provided pursuant to*
18 *section 1 of this act.*

19 2. As used in subsection 1, "telephonic device" means a
20 cellular phone, satellite phone, portable phone or any other similar
21 electronic device that is handheld and designed or used to
22 communicate with a person.

