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The Illinois Vehicle Code

The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended to add a section regarding the use of electronic communication devices. Electronic communication device includes but is not limited to a wireless telephone, personal digital assistant, or a portable or mobile computer while being used for the purpose of composing, reading, or sending an electronic message. A global positioning system or navigation system is not included. Electronic message is a self-contained piece of digital communication that is designed or intended to be transmitted between physical devices such as electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site.

This amendment states a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or read an electronic message.

Some exceptions to this law include a law enforcement officer performing official duties, to report an emergency, using an electronic communications device in hands-free or voice activated mode, parked on the shoulder of a roadway and when vehicle is stopped in traffic as long as the vehicle is in park or neutral.

Effective January 1, 2010. *See Public Act 96-0130.*

The Illinois Vehicle Code

The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended to make it illegal for a person to use a wireless telephone at any time while driving on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone. This amendment does not apply to persons working on a construction or maintenance project for which a speed zone has been established,

persons reporting an emergency, a law enforcement officer performing official duties and a person using a voice activated device.

Effective January 1, 2010. *See Public Act 96-0131.*