
SENATE BILL No. 141

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2; IC 9-21-8-59; IC 9-24-11-0.5.

Synopsis: Texting while driving. Makes it a Class C infraction for a person to use a telecommunications device to transmit a text message or an electronic mail message while operating a moving motor vehicle. Defines "telecommunications device" as an electronic or a digital telecommunications device, including a wireless telephone, personal digital assistant, pager, or text messaging device. Repeals the current definition of "telecommunications device".

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-177.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.101-2009,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 177.3. (a) "Telecommunications device", for
4 purposes of IC 9-21-8 and IC 9-24-11-3.3, ~~has the meaning set forth~~
5 ~~in IC 9-24-11-0.5:~~ **means an electronic or a digital**
6 **telecommunications device.**

7 (b) **The term includes the following:**

- 8 (1) **A wireless telephone.**
- 9 (2) **A personal digital assistant.**
- 10 (3) **A pager.**
- 11 (4) **A text messaging device.**

12 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-177.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 177.4. "Text message", for**
15 **purposes of IC 9-21-8, means a communication in the form of**
16 **electronic text sent from a telecommunications device.**

17 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-8-59 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE



1 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 2011]: **Sec. 59. A person may not use a telecommunications
3 device to transmit:**
4 (1) a text message; or
5 (2) an electronic mail message;
6 while operating a moving motor vehicle.
7 SECTION 4. IC 9-24-11-0.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2011].

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