

Senate File 2104 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to text messaging while operating a motor vehicle
2 and providing a penalty.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6205SS 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.363A TEXT MESSAGING
1 2 PROHIBITED.
1 3 A person shall not use a wireless communication device to
1 4 read, write, or send a text message while operating a motor
1 5 vehicle on a highway. This section does not apply when the
1 6 motor vehicle is at a complete stop off the roadway. A person
1 7 who violates this section commits a simple misdemeanor,
1 8 punishable as a scheduled violation under section 805.8A,
1 9 subsection 6, paragraph "e".
1 10 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 6, Code 2007, is
1 11 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 12 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. For a violation under section 321.363A,
1 13 the scheduled fine is one hundred dollars.
1 14 EXPLANATION
1 15 This bill prohibits a motor vehicle operator from reading,
1 16 writing, or sending a text message while operating a motor
1 17 vehicle on a highway. However, if the motor vehicle is at a
1 18 complete stop off the roadway, text messaging is permissible.
1 19 A violation is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$100.
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