



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit certain uses of electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. Chapter 15, Article 24, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("Miscellaneous Provisions"), is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the revisor of ordinances and to read as follows:

"Sec. 15-24. Electronic devices.

(a) As used in this section:

"Video games" are any of various games that may be played by use of a hand-held electronic device.

"Write, send, or read a text-based communication" means using an electronic wireless communications device to manually communicate with any person using text-based communication, including, but not limited to, communications referred to as text messaging, instant messaging, and electronic mail.

(b) No person shall engage in the following activities while operating a motor vehicle:

1. Write, send, or read a text-based communication; or
2. Play video games.

(c) For purposes of this section, a person shall not be deemed to be writing, reading, or sending a text-based communication if the person reads, selects, or enters a telephone number or name in an electronic wireless communications device for the purpose of making or receiving a telephone call."

SECTION 3. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the revisor of ordinances need not include the underscoring.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

NOV 06 2008

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

MUFU HANNEMANN, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu