

1 **RESTRICTING WIRELESS TELEPHONE USE**
2 **FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

3 2004 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Neal B. Hendrickson**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies the Motor Vehicle Code by restricting school bus drivers' use of
10 wireless telephones.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ prohibits school bus drivers from using wireless telephones while operating a school
14 bus, with exceptions;

15 ▶ permits school bus drivers to use a wireless telephone in case of a medical
16 emergency, a safety hazard, or a criminal activity; and

17 ▶ provides penalties.

18 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 ENACTS:

24 **41-6-115.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **41-6-115.5** is enacted to read:



28 **41-6-115.5. Use of wireless telephones by school bus drivers prohibited --**
29 **Exceptions -- Penalties.**
30 (1) Except as provided under Subsection (2), a school bus driver may not use a wireless
31 telephone while operating a school bus.
32 (2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit a school bus driver from using a wireless
33 telephone:
34 (a) during a medical emergency;
35 (b) when reporting a safety hazard or requesting assistance relating to a safety hazard;
36 or
37 (c) when reporting a criminal activity or requesting assistance relating to a criminal
38 activity.
39 (3) A person who violates this section is guilty of an infraction and shall be fined \$100.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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