

HB0559



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/5/2007, by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-610.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person under the age of 19 years (rather than a person under the age of 18 years who holds an instruction permit or a graduated license) may not drive a vehicle on a roadway while using a wireless phone. Provides that a violation is a petty offense punishable by a fine of \$100. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 12-610.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-610.1)

7 Sec. 12-610.1. Wireless telephones.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "wireless telephone" means a
9 device that is capable of transmitting or receiving telephonic
10 communications without a wire connecting the device to the
11 telephone network.

12 (b) A person under the age of 19 ~~18~~ years ~~who holds an~~
13 ~~instruction permit issued under Section 6-105 or 6-107.1, or a~~
14 ~~person under the age of 18 years who holds a graduated license~~
15 ~~issued under Section 6-107,~~ may not drive a vehicle on a
16 roadway while using a wireless phone.

17 (c) This Section does not apply to a person under the age
18 of 19 ~~18~~ years using a wireless telephone for emergency
19 purposes, including, but not limited to, an emergency call to a
20 law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department,
21 or other emergency services agency or entity.

22 (d) A violation of this Section is a petty offense
23 punishable by a fine of \$100.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-240, eff. 7-15-05.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.