

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019
4

As Engrossed: S2/20/19

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1182

5 By: Representative C. Fite
6 By: Senator M. Pitsch
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISTRACTED
10 DRIVING; TO MAKE THE USE OF A HANDHELD WIRELESS
11 TELEPHONE IN A SCHOOL ZONE A PRIMARY OFFENSE; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
13
14

Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISTRACTED
16 DRIVING; AND TO MAKE THE USE OF A
17 HANDHELD WIRELESS TELEPHONE IN A SCHOOL
18 ZONE A PRIMARY OFFENSE.
19
20
21

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
23

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1605 is amended to read as follows:
25 27-51-1605. Enforcement.

26 Except as provided under § 27-51-1609, A a driver of a motor vehicle is
27 not to be stopped or detained solely to determine compliance with this
28 subchapter.
29

30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1609 is amended to read as follows:
31 27-51-1609. Restrictions in school zones.

32 (a) Except as provided under subsection (b) of this section, a driver
33 of a motor vehicle shall not use a handheld wireless telephone while
34 operating a motor vehicle when passing a school building or school zone
35 during school hours when children are present and outside the building.

36 (b) A driver of a motor vehicle who is passing a school building or



1 school zone during school hours when children are present and outside the
2 building may use a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor
3 vehicle for an emergency purpose.

4 (c) *This section does not apply to a law enforcement ~~officers~~ officer*
5 *engaged in the performance of his or her official duties.*

6 (d) A law enforcement officer may stop or detain a driver of a motor
7 vehicle solely to determine compliance with this section.

8
9
10 /s/C. Fite

11
12
13 **APPROVED: 3/1/19**
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36