

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 951

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5 By: Senator Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEWER DISTRACTIONS MEAN SAFER
10 DRIVING ACT TO PROHIBIT DRIVERS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN
11 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM USING HANDHELD
12 WIRELESS TELEPHONES; TO ALLOW DRIVERS WHO ARE
13 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO USE HANDS-FREE
14 WIRELESS TELEPHONES OR DEVICES; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE ROADS AND
19 HIGHWAYS BY REQUIRING ALL DRIVERS OVER
20 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO USE HANDS-FREE
21 WIRELESS TELEPHONES OR DEVICES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1504, as enacted by Section 1 of
27 Act 247 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

28 27-51-1504. Restrictions on drivers ~~at least 18 but under 21 years of~~
29 ~~age~~ 18 years of age or older.

30 (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the driver of a
31 motor vehicle who is ~~at least~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older ~~but under~~
32 ~~twenty one (21) years of age~~ shall not use a handheld wireless telephone for
33 wireless interactive communication while operating a motor vehicle.

34 (2) The driver of a motor vehicle who is ~~at least~~ eighteen (18)
35 years of age or older ~~but under twenty one (21) years of age~~ may use a hands-
36 free wireless telephone or device for wireless interactive communication



1 while operating a motor vehicle.

2 (b) A driver of a motor vehicle who is ~~at least~~ eighteen (18) years of
3 age or older ~~but under twenty one (21) years of age~~ may use a handheld
4 wireless telephone for wireless interactive communication while operating a
5 motor vehicle for an emergency purpose only.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1504, as enacted by Section 1 of Act
8 197 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

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