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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1182

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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.
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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.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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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.
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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 law enforcement officers.

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

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