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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 208

5 By: Senator Bond  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISTRACTED  
9 DRIVING; TO MAKE THE USE OF A WIRELESS TELEPHONE BY  
10 CERTAIN DRIVERS A PRIMARY OFFENSE; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISTRACTED  
15 DRIVING; AND TO MAKE THE USE OF A  
16 WIRELESS TELEPHONE BY CERTAIN DRIVERS A  
17 PRIMARY OFFENSE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1506(a), concerning penalties under*  
24 *Paul's Law: To Prohibit Drivers From Using a Wireless Communications Device*  
25 *While Operating a Motor Vehicle, is amended to read as follows:*

26 *(a)(1) A violation of this subchapter is punishable by a fine of not*  
27 *less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred fifty*  
28 *dollars (\$250) for the first offense.*

29 *(2) Each subsequent violation of this subchapter is punishable*  
30 *by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred*  
31 *dollars (\$500).*  
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33 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1605, as amended by 2019 Acts No.*  
34 *288, is repealed.*

35 ~~*27-51-1605. —Enforcement.*~~

36 ~~*Except as provided under § 27-51-1609, a driver of a motor vehicle is*~~



1 ~~not to be stopped or detained solely to determine compliance with this~~  
2 ~~subchapter.~~

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1607(a), concerning penalties under  
5 the Fewer Distractions Mean Safer Driving Act, is amended to read as follows:

6 (a)(1) A violation of this subchapter is punishable by a fine of not  
7 less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred fifty  
8 dollars (\$250) for the first offense.

9 (2) Each subsequent violation of this subchapter is punishable  
10 by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five  
11 hundred dollars (\$500).

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13 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1609(d), as amended by 2019 Acts No.  
14 288, concerning restrictions in school zones is repealed.

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

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18 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1610, concerning wireless telephone  
19 use in highway work zones, is amended to add an additional subsection to read  
20 as follows:

21 (d) A law enforcement officer may not stop or detain a driver of a  
22 motor vehicle solely to determine compliance with this section.

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25 /s/Bond  
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