

# IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL DRIVERS:

## New Cellular Phone Laws Go Into Effect July 1, 2008

### New Cellular Phone Law FAQ sheet

<b>Minors (under 18 years of age)</b> VC §23124	<b>Drivers 18 years of age or older</b> VC §23123
<b>are prohibited</b> from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, <i>including a hands-free device</i> , and/or a mobile service device (pagers, texting devices, laptops, etc).	are prohibited from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone <b>unless</b> a hands-free device is used.
<b>Exceptions:</b> Emergency situations, for example: calls to law enforcement, health care provider, fire department, etc. While operating a vehicle on private property.	<b>Exceptions:</b> Emergency situations, for example: calls to law enforcement, health care provider, fire department, etc. Emergency service providers operating an authorized emergency vehicle during the course of employment. While operating a vehicle on private property. A person operating a commercial motor truck or truck tractor (excluding pickups), implements of husbandry, farm vehicle, school bus, transit vehicle, or tow truck, if using a two-way radio operated by a "push-to-talk" feature that does not require the device to be close to the ear.
<b>The fines for both laws are:</b> \$20, first offense plus administrative fees. \$50, second or subsequent offenses plus administrative fees.	

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Will I receive a point on my driving record if I am convicted for a violation of the cellular phone law?**

A: No. The violation is a reportable offense; however, DMV will not assign a violation point.

**Q: Will a conviction appear on my driving record?**

A: Yes, but a violation point will not be added.

**Q: May I use a speaker-phone feature and hold the phone in my hand, but not next to my ear?**

A: No. The law requires you use a hands-free device with your phone. A "push-to-talk" feature is not allowed.

**Q: My car has a built-in hands-free mobile phone feature. Is this adequate or do I have to buy additional equipment?**

A: No. You do not need to purchase additional equipment. You may use your vehicle's hands-free mobile phone feature.

**Q: Can I send a text message on my phone or Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) while driving?**

A: No.

