

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 168

State Uniform Traffic Control/
Electronic Communication Devices
by Senator Altman

Prohibits the use of an electronic communication device to compose, send, read, or view a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway.

Defines "text-based communication" as a digital communication that is manually created to be electronically transmitted between physical devices and includes text messaging, e-mail, instant messaging, paging, or a command or request to access an Internet page.

Provides exceptions including, but not limited to, law enforcement officers or emergency medical services personnel in their official duties, persons requesting medical or emergency assistance, and persons reporting illegal activity or a road hazard. (See bill for details)