

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 522

Electronic Wireless Communications Devices/ Use While Driving by Senator Gelber

Prohibits a person younger than 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or telephone.

Provides penalties. Specifies that the driver shall receive a one point assessment against his or her driver's license. Additionally, if that person holds a learner's driver's license, he or she may not be issued a driver's license until he or she attains 18 years of age; or if that person holds a Class E driver's license, for a period of 3 months he or she may operate a motor vehicle only under the restrictions that apply to the holder of a learner's driver's license, except when traveling to or from school or such person's place of employment.

Provides exceptions for reporting illegal activity, summoning medical or other emergency help, or preventing injury to a person or property. (See bill for details)