

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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SB 328

### State Uniform Traffic Control/Texting Prohibited by Senator Dockery

Prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle on any highway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, read, or view a text-based communication while the vehicle is on a roadway.

Defines the term "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, persons requesting medical or emergency assistance, persons reporting illegal activity, members of the Armed Forces of the United States operating a military vehicle, persons in a vehicle that is at rest in a shoulder lane or that is lawfully parked. (See bill for details)