



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1080: teenage drivers: communication devices prohibited

PRIME SPONSOR: Senator Fann, LD 1

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TI: DP (7-1-0-0)

Legend:

Amendments – **BOLD** and **Stricken** (Committee)

Abstract

Relating to driving and communication device prohibitions.

Provisions

1. Prohibits instructional permit holders from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device.
 - a. Allows use during specific emergency situations.
 - b. Prohibits citation without reasonable cause another violation has occurred. (Sec. 1)
2. Prohibits Class G licensees during the first six months or until the licensees 18th birthday from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device.
 - a. Allows use during specific emergency situations.
 - b. Permits use of an audible turn-by-turn navigation system under specified conditions.
 - c. Prohibits citation without reasonable cause another violation has occurred. (Sec. 2)
3. Becomes effective on July 1, 2018. (Sec. 3)
4. Makes conforming changes. (Sec. 2)

Current Law

A person who is at least 15 years and 6 months of age may apply for a Class D or G instructional permit. The instructional permit allows the permittee to drive a vehicle on the public highways if driving in possession of the permit and accompanied by a person who has a Class A, B, C or D license, is at least 21 years of age and occupies a seat beside the permittee ([A.R.S. § 28-3154](#)).

Additionally, a person who is under 18 years and at least 16 years may apply for and obtain a Class G driver's license. For the first six months or until the 18th birthday, a Class G licensee is restricted under certain conditions from operating a motor vehicle on a public highway from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. or at any time with more than one passenger under age 18. Violation of either restriction is subject to civil penalties of incremental severity. The first violation is subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$75 and an extension of the restriction for an additional 30 days. The second violation is subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$100 and an extension of the restriction for 60 days. The third violation is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 and suspension of license privileges for 30 days ([A.R.S. § 28-3174](#)).

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