

**HOUSE BILL NO. 139**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES GATTO, Gruenberg**

**Introduced: 2/18/09**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act providing for an exception to allow drivers of public utility motor vehicles to**  
2 **operate those vehicles with certain screen devices operating and visible to the drivers."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 28.35.161(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to

6 (1) portable cellular telephones or personal data assistants being used  
7 for verbal communication or displaying caller identification information;

8 (2) equipment that is displaying only

9 (A) audio equipment information, functions, and controls;

10 (B) vehicle information or controls related to speed, fuel level,  
11 battery charge, and other vehicle safety or equipment information;

12 (C) navigation or global positioning;

13 (D) maps;

14 (E) visual information to

1 (i) enhance or supplement the driver's view forward,  
2 behind, or to the sides of the motor vehicle for the purpose of  
3 maneuvering the vehicle; or

4 (ii) allow the driver to monitor vehicle occupants seated  
5 behind the driver;

6 (F) vehicle dispatching and response information for motor  
7 vehicles providing emergency road service or roadside assistance;

8 (G) vehicle dispatching information for passenger transport or  
9 freight or package delivery; [OR]

10 (H) information for use in performing highway construction,  
11 maintenance, or repair or data acquisition by the Department of Transportation  
12 and Public Facilities or a municipality; **or**

13 **(I) information for use in performing utility construction,**  
14 **maintenance, repair, or data acquisition by a public utility; in this**  
15 **subparagraph, "public utility" has the meaning given in AS 42.05.990.**