

HOUSE BILL NO. 139

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

(2) equipment that is displaying only

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

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

(C) navigation or global positioning;

(D) maps;

(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.