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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 22()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MUÑOZ AND HERRON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act prohibiting the use of a cellular telephone when driving a motor vehicle."

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

* **Section 1.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 28.35.165. Prohibited use of cellular telephone. (a) A person may not use a cellular telephone when driving a motor vehicle on a highway or vehicular way or area.

- (b) This section does not apply to a person using a cellular telephone
- (1) for emergency purposes, including an emergency call to a law enforcement agency, fire department, or other emergency services agency or entity; or
 - (2) by hands-free mode.
 - (c) In this section,
 - (1) "emergency" has the meaning given in AS 42.20.150;
- (2) "hands-free mode" means use of a cellular telephone for listening or talking by means of a speaker function, headset, or earpiece without holding the telephone.

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(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of an infraction and may be punished as provided under AS 28.90.010.

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