

SENATE BILL NO. 122

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR MEYER

Introduced: 1/22/14

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the use of electronic devices while driving."**

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

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

4 (a) A person commits the crime of driving while texting, while
5 communicating on a computer, or while a screen device is operating if the person is
6 driving a motor vehicle **on a highway or vehicular way in the state**, and

7 (1) the vehicle has a television, video monitor, portable computer, or
8 any other similar means capable of providing a visual display that is in full view of a
9 driver in a normal driving position while the vehicle is in motion, and the monitor or
10 visual display is operating while the person is driving; or

11 (2) the person is reading or typing a text message or other nonvoice
12 message or communication on a cellular telephone, personal data assistant, computer,
13 or any other similar means capable of providing a visual display that is in the view of
14 the driver in a normal driving position **except when the vehicle is**

15 **(A) lawfully parked, standing, or stopped and is not in a**

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roadway; or

(B) stopped because it is inoperable [WHILE THE
VEHICLE IS IN MOTION AND WHILE THE PERSON IS DRIVING].