

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2001 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-46-2001

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Gourdine

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Wireless Telecommunication Devices in Motor Vehicles

3 For the purpose of prohibiting the operator of a motor vehicle from using a wireless  
4 telecommunication device unless the vehicle is legally parked or equipped with a hands free  
5 mechanism.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

8 Section 26-101,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (1999 Edition, 2000 Supplement).

11 BY adding:

12 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

13 Section 26-176,

14 The Prince George's County Code

15 (1999 Edition, 2000 Supplement).

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
17 Maryland, that Section 26-101 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
18 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

19 **SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

20 **DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

21 **Sec. 26-101. Definitions.**

(a) For the purposes of this Subtitle, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them hereunder:

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(18) **Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System** means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a traffic control signal to produce recorded images of motor vehicles entering into an intersection against a red signal indication.

(19) **Wireless Telecommunication Device** means a radio, mobile telephone, modem or other equipment or system that permits two-way voice or data communication.

(b) Whenever any words and phrases used herein are not defined herein but are defined in the State laws regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein, except when the context otherwise requires.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Section 26-176 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

**DIVISION 20. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES.**

**Sec. 26-176. Prohibition of use in a motor vehicle.**

(a) A person operating a motor vehicle within the County may not use a wireless telecommunication device to dial, answer, talk, or listen unless the wireless telecommunication device is equipped with a device that allows the operator to maintain both hands on the motor vehicle's steering device.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person may use a wireless telecommunication device while operating a motor vehicle that is stopped and lawfully parked in accordance with this Subtitle.

1       SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald V. Russell  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joyce T. Sweeney  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne K. Curry  
County Executive

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.