

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE BILL

NO. 12

INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_ October 27, 2023

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REFERRED TO SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## **Ban Cell Phones While Driving**

No driver shall operate a moving vehicle on a roadway of this Commonwealth, which shall include Federal, State and municipal roadways, while using a handheld mobile telephone.

This section shall not apply to law enforcement officers and operators of emergency vehicles when on duty and acting in their official capacities.

It shall be an acceptable defense to an action under this section that the driver had reason to fear for the driver's safety, was reporting a traffic accident or was making a 911 emergency call.

Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a summary offense with a maximum fine of no more than \$100.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.