

Rev. Page	HOUSE: H.F. 50, 1 st Engrossment	Comparison	SENATE: H.F. 50, 1 st Unofficial Engrossment
R1	Section 1. Wireless communications device. Amends the definition of a wireless communications device. Among the changes, GPS systems are included in the definition (if not integrated into the vehicle).	Similar	Section 1. Wireless communications device. Amends the definition of a wireless communications device. Among the changes, certain radios are excluded from the definition.
R1	Section 2, subd. 1. Definitions. Revises the definition of “electronic message” and defines “voice-activated or hands-free mode.” Specifies conditions to be in motion or part of traffic. Specifies that “using” a wireless communications device includes holding the device.	Similar	Section 2, subd. 1. Definitions. Revises the definition of “electronic message” and defines “voice-activated” or “hands-free mode.” Specifies what it means to be in motion or part of traffic.
R2	Section 2, subd. 2. Prohibition on use; penalty. Amends the prohibition on wireless communication device use. When a vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic, the driver is prohibited from using a wireless communications device, which includes but is not limited to: (1) initiating, composing, sending, retrieving, or reading and electronic message; and (2) engaging in a cell phone call.	Similar	Section 2, subd. 2. Prohibition on use; penalty. Amends the prohibition on wireless communication device use. When a vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic on a public road, the driver is prohibited from using a wireless communications device to: (1) initiate, compose, read, or send an electronic message; (2) initiate a cellular phone call or participate in a phone call; (3) view or listen to images, pictures, or video content; or (4) access a web page. The penalty for violating the law is increased from \$275 to \$300 for a second or subsequent offense.
R2	Section 2, subd. 3. Exceptions. Modifies exceptions to the ban, to (1) clarify that global positioning system features can be used in a hands-free mode, and (2) disallow handheld cellular phone calls (in conjunction with the changes in subdivision 2). Prevents using hands-free mode for video content (including video calling and live-streaming) as well as reading text messages.	Similar	Section 2, subd. 3. Exceptions. Modifies exceptions to the ban, so that a wireless communications device can be used: (1) only in a voice-activated or hands-free mode to make or participate in a phone call or to initiate, compose, read, or send an electric message; (2) to view or operate a global positioning system; (3) to listen to audio-based content; (4) in emergency situations; or (5) for performing official duties in an emergency vehicle.
R2	Section 2. Effective date. This section is effective August 1, 2019 and applies to acts committed on or after that date.	Similar	Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective on August 1, 2019, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

R2- R3	Section 3. Traffic stop study; appropriation. Appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2020 from the general fund for a qualified research organization to review and analyze data on specified types of traffic stops and provide a report to the legislature. Requires an assessment of data based on factors including the geographic area of the stops and the demographics of stopped drivers. Makes the report due by February 15, 2021.	House Only	
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