

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**

\*\*\*\*\* 257.602b.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010 \*\*\*\*\*

**257.602b.added Reading, typing, or sending text message on wireless 2-way communication device prohibited; exceptions; violation as civil infraction; fine; local ordinances superseded.**

Sec. 602b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not read, manually type, or send a text message on a wireless 2-way communication device that is located in the person's hand or in the person's lap, including a wireless telephone used in cellular telephone service or personal communication service, while operating a motor vehicle that is moving on a highway or street in this state. As used in this subsection, a wireless 2-way communication device does not include a global positioning or navigation system that is affixed to the motor vehicle.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an individual who is using a device described in subsection (1) to do any of the following:

- (a) Report a traffic accident, medical emergency, or serious road hazard.
- (b) Report a situation in which the person believes his or her personal safety is in jeopardy.
- (c) Report or avert the perpetration or potential perpetration of a criminal act against the individual or another person.
- (d) Carry out official duties as a police officer, law enforcement official, member of a paid or volunteer fire department, or operator of an emergency vehicle.

(3) An individual who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine as follows:

- (a) For a first violation, \$100.00.
- (b) For a second or subsequent violation, \$200.00.

(4) This section supersedes all local ordinances regulating the use of a communications device while operating a motor vehicle in motion on a highway or street, except that a unit of local government may adopt an ordinance or enforce an existing ordinance substantially corresponding to this section.

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