

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0179

Texting while driving-penalties.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hunt, Blackburn and Pelkey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; providing penalties  
2 for homicide by vehicle when using handheld electronic  
3 wireless communication devices as specified; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-106(b)(i), (ii) and by creating a  
9 new paragraph (iii) and 31-5-237(c) are amended to read:

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11 **6-2-106. Homicide by vehicle; aggravated homicide by**  
12 **vehicle; penalties.**

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14 (b) A person is guilty of aggravated homicide by  
15 vehicle and shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
16 penitentiary for not more than twenty (20) years, if:

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2 (i) While operating or driving a vehicle in  
3 violation of W.S. 10-6-103, 31-5-233 or 41-13-206, he  
4 causes the death of another person and the violation is the  
5 proximate cause of the death;~~or~~

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7 (ii) He operates or drives a vehicle in a  
8 reckless manner, and his conduct is the proximate cause of  
9 the death of another person;~~or~~ or

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11 (iii) While operating or driving a vehicle in  
12 violation of W.S. 31-5-237, he causes the death of another  
13 person and the violation is the proximate cause of death.

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15 **31-5-237. Use of handheld electronic wireless**  
16 **communication devices for electronic messaging prohibited;**  
17 **exceptions; penalties.**

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19 (c) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-106(b), any person  
20 who operates a motor vehicle in violation of this section  
21 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more  
22 than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

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1       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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