

Georgia Hands Free Law will take effect on July 1, 2018

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The following is a brief description of what the law states:

- A driver cannot have a phone in their hand or use any part of their body to support their phone. Drivers can only use their phones to make or receive phone calls by using earpieces, wireless headphones or a smartwatch. GPS navigation devices are allowed.
- Headsets and earpieces can only be worn for communication purposes and not for listening to music or other entertainment.
- A driver may not send or read any text-based communication unless using voice-based communication that automatically converts message to a written text or is being used for navigation or GPS
- A driver may not send or read any e-mails, social media or other internet content
- A driver may not watch a video unless it is for navigation.
- A driver may not record a video (continuously running dash cams are exempt)
- Penalty is \$50 and one point –first conviction, \$100 and 2 points –second conviction, and \$150 and 3 points for subsequent convictions.
- Although not required by law, the Norcross Police Department will be issuing warnings for 90 days beginning July 1st. On October 1st we will begin issue citations.

Exceptions: An electronic device can be handled to report a traffic accident, medical emergency, fire, crime or delinquent act or a hazardous road condition.

The driver can also use their hands if they are lawfully parked (Not at a stoplight – “lawfully” means off or beside the road in an area open to parking).

People that are exempt from the hands-free requirement while performing official duties: Police, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Personnel, ambulance drivers, other first responders and utility employees or contractors responding to a utility emergency.