

# Understanding Georgia's New Hands-Free Law

Georgia's governor signed The Hands-Free Act into law and it is now in effect. As of July 1, the way that you may interact with your mobile device in your vehicle has changed.

If you are driving, you are expected to stay focused on the task at hand. Knowing what you can and cannot do with your mobile device will not only keep you on the right side of the law, but can help to prevent an accident.

## Allowed

- Talking using earpieces, your smart watch or headphones.
- Using your vehicle's Bluetooth system to communicate.
- Using voice recognition to compose, read or send text messages and other communications.
- Using your GPS system or navigational app of choice.
- Using a CB radio or other similar device.
- Tapping a button to activate voice recognition software.

## Prohibited

- Holding your mobile device in your hand.
- Supporting your mobile device with any body part.
- Composing, reading or sending any type of text message, email, direct message or any other Internet data.
- Watching a movie or other video.
- Recording/broadcasting a video.
- Reaching around in your car to grab your mobile device in such a way that you leave your seat or have to unbuckle your seatbelt.

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