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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits use of wearable computer with head mounted display while driving.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT prohibiting the use of certain electronic devices while
2 driving and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The use of a wearable computer with head mounted
8 display by an operator of a moving motor vehicle on a public road
9 or highway shall be unlawful.

10 For the purposes of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
11 Legislature as this bill), “wearable computer with head mounted
12 display” means a computing device which is worn on the head of an
13 individual and projects visual information into the field of vision of
14 the wearer.

15 b. A person who violates this section shall be fined \$100.

16 c. No motor vehicle points or automobile insurance eligibility
17 points pursuant to section 26 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-14) shall
18 be assessed for this offense.

19 d. Whenever this section is used as an alternative offense in a
20 plea agreement to any other offense in Title 39 of the Revised
21 Statutes that would result in the assessment of motor vehicle points,
22 the penalty shall be the same as the penalty for a violation of
23 section 1 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2), including the surcharge
24 imposed pursuant to subsection f. of that section, and a conviction
25 under this section shall be considered a conviction under section 1
26 of P.L.2000, c.75 (C.39:4-97.2) for the purpose of determining
27 subsequent enhanced penalties under that section.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill prohibits the use of a wearable computer with head
35 mounted display, such as Google Glass, by an operator of a moving
36 motor vehicle on a public road or highway. The bill defines
37 “wearable computer with head mounted display” as a computing
38 device which is worn on the head of an individual and projects
39 visual information into the field of vision of the wearer.

40 Any person who violates the provisions of the bill is subject to a
41 \$100 fine, but shall not be assessed any motor vehicle points or
42 automobile insurance eligibility points.