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**H 74. NO CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING. TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF HANDHELD CELLULAR TELEPHONES WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE.** Like H 62 (introduced 2/6/01), this bill would generally prohibit the use of handheld telephones by drivers operating motor vehicles on the streets or highways and allow exceptions for public safety personnel and individuals in emergency circumstances. Differs from H 62 in the following ways: (1) does not provide a one-minute grace period for receipt and transmission of calls; (2) provides exception for taxi drivers on duty; (3) sets fines for first and subsequent violations; and (4) prohibits the assessment of driver's license points or insurance surcharges for violations. Effective December 1, 2001.

**Intro. by Bowie.**

Ref. to Rules	GS 20
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