

House Bill 963

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to miscellaneous provisions of rules of the road, so as to change certain provisions  
3 relating to drivers to exercise due care and allowance for proper use of radios and mobile  
4 telephones; to prohibit operation of motor vehicles by persons less than 17 years of age while  
5 using mobile telephones or similar communications devices; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 miscellaneous provisions of rules of the road, is amended by designating the current  
11 provisions of Code Section 40-6-241, relating to requirement for drivers to exercise due care  
12 and allowance for proper use of radios and mobile telephones, as subsection (a) thereof and  
13 adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 "(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section notwithstanding, no person less  
15 than 17 years of age shall operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state while  
16 using any mobile telephone, citizens band radio, or any other two-way electronic  
17 communications device."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.