

Senate Bill 306

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Harp of the 29th, Smith of the 52nd, Thompson of the 33rd,  
Thomas of the 54th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-250 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 wearing a device which impairs hearing or vision while operating a motor vehicle, so as to  
3 exempt headsets connected to hands-free mobile communication devices; to provide for  
4 related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-6-250 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wearing a  
9 device which impairs hearing or vision while operating a motor vehicle, is revised to read as  
10 follows:

11 "40-6-250.

12 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing a headset or headphone which  
13 would impair such person's ability to hear, nor shall any person while operating a motor  
14 vehicle wear any device which impairs such person's vision; provided, however, that a  
15 person may wear a headset or headphone for communication purposes ~~only while operating~~  
16 ~~a motorcycle.~~

17 (b) This Code section shall not apply to:

18 (1) ~~Hearing~~ hearing aids or instruments for the improvement of defective human hearing,  
19 eyeglasses, or sunglasses. ~~This Code section shall not apply to; or~~

20 (2) ~~Any~~ any law enforcement officer or firefighter equipped with any communications  
21 device necessary in the performance of such person's duties."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and shall be applicable to all offenses  
24 occurring on or after that date.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.