

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SB 203:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-241, relating to distracted driving, restrictions on operation of  
2 wireless telecommunications devices and stand-alone electronic devices, penalty, and  
3 exceptions, so as to provide for an additional exception to the offense of operating a motor  
4 vehicle while holding or using a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone  
5 electronic device; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 40-6-241, relating to distracted driving, restrictions on operation of wireless  
10 telecommunications devices and stand-alone electronic devices, penalty, and exceptions, is  
11 amended by revising subsection (g) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(g) Subsection (c) ~~Subsections (c) and (d)~~ of this Code section shall not apply when the  
13 prohibited conduct ~~occurred~~ occurs:

14 (1) While reporting a traffic accident, medical emergency, fire, an actual or potential  
15 criminal or delinquent act, or road condition which causes an immediate and serious  
16 traffic or safety hazard;

17 (2) By an employee or contractor of a utility services provider acting within the scope  
18 of his or her employment while responding to a utility emergency;

19 (3) By a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel,  
20 ambulance driver, or other similarly employed public safety first responder during the  
21 performance of his or her official duties;

22 (4) While in a motor vehicle which is lawfully parked; or

23 (5) While in a motor vehicle which is at a full and complete stop at an official  
24 traffic-control device or off the roadway and the wireless telecommunications device or  
25 stand-alone electronic device is secured within a stand or mount which is designed to  
26 support the device and which is attached to the front windshield or dashboard.

27 (h) Subsection (d) of this Code section shall not apply when the prohibited conduct occurs:

28 (1) While reporting a traffic accident, medical emergency, fire, an actual or potential  
29 criminal or delinquent act, or road condition which causes an immediate and serious  
30 traffic or safety hazard;

31 (2) By an employee or contractor of a utility services provider acting within the scope  
32 of his or her employment while responding to a utility emergency;

33 (3) By a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel,  
34 ambulance driver, or other similarly employed public safety first responder during the  
35 performance of his or her official duties; or

36 (4) While in a motor vehicle which is lawfully parked."

## 37 **SECTION 2.**

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