

CHAPTER 151

HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 300
(Amends Chapter 70)

AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning text messaging; relating to certain equipment; providing for certain penalties; amending K.S.A. 8-1598, 8-1749a and 8-2009a and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-2118, as amended by section 1 of 2010 Senate Bill No. 519, and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to attach and display on any vehicle a license plate, as required under article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, which is covered, in whole or in part, with any clear or opaque material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.

(b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

New Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Wireless communication device" means any wireless electronic communication device that provides for voice or data communication between two or more parties, including, but not limited to, a mobile or cellular telephone, a text messaging device, a personal digital assistant that sends or receives messages, an audio-video player that sends or receives messages or a laptop computer. "Wireless communication device" does not include a device which is voice-operated and which allows the user to send or receive a text based communication without the use of either hand, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function.

(2) "Write, send or read a written communication" means using a wireless communication device to manually type, send or read a written communication, including, but not limited to, a text message, instant message or electronic mail.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public road or highway while using a wireless communications device to write, send or read a written communication.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) shall not apply to:

(1) A law enforcement officer or emergency service personnel acting within the course and scope of the law enforcement officer's or emergency service personnel's employment;

(2) a motor vehicle stopped off the regular traveled portion of the roadway;

(3) a person who reads, selects or enters a telephone number or name in a wireless communications device for the purpose of making or receiving a phone call;

(4) a person who receives an emergency, traffic or weather alert message; or

(5) a person receiving a message related to the operation or navigation of the motor vehicle.

(d) The provisions of subsection (b) shall not prohibit a person from using a wireless communications device while operating a moving motor vehicle to:

(1) Report current or ongoing illegal activity to law enforcement;

(2) prevent imminent injury to a person or property; or

(3) relay information between transit or for-hire operator and the operator's dispatcher, in which the device is permanently affixed to the motor vehicle.

(e) From and after the effective date of this act and prior to January 1, 2011, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating subsection (b).

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1598 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1598.

(a) No person under the age of 18 years shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle or a motorized bicycle, unless wearing a helmet which complies with minimum guidelines established by the national highway traffic safety administration pursuant to the national traffic and motor vehicle safety act of 1966 for helmets designed for use by motorcyclists and other motor vehicle users.

(b) *No person shall allow or permit any person under the age of 18 years to: (1) Operate a motorcycle or motorized bicycle or to ride as a*

passenger upon a motorcycle or motorized bicycle without being in compliance with the provisions of subsection (a); or (2) operate a motorcycle or to ride as a passenger upon a motorcycle without being in compliance with the provisions of subsection (c).

~~(b)~~ (c) (1) No person shall operate a motorcycle unless such person is wearing an eye-protective device which shall consist of protective glasses, goggles or transparent face shields which are shatter proof and impact resistant, except when the motorcycle is equipped with a wind-screen which has a minimum height of 10 inches measured from the center of the handlebars.

(2) No person under the age of 18 years shall ride as a passenger on a motorcycle unless such person is wearing an eye-protective device which shall consist of protective glasses, goggles or transparent face shields which are shatter proof and impact resistant.

~~(e)~~ (d) This section shall not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or on a golf cart, nor shall it apply to any person operating or riding any industrial or cargo-type vehicle having three wheels and commonly known as a truckster.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1749a is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1749a. (a) No motor vehicle required to be registered in this state and which is operated on the highways of this state shall be equipped with one-way glass or any sun ~~screen~~ screening device, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1749b, and amendments thereto, and used in conjunction with ~~safety glazing materials~~ windshields, side wings, side windows or rear windows that do not meet the following requirements:

(1) A sun screening device when used in conjunction with the windshield shall be nonreflective and shall not be red, yellow or amber in color. A sun screening device shall be used only along the top of the windshield and shall not extend downward beyond the AS1 line which is clearly defined and marked;

(2) a sun screening device when used in conjunction with ~~the safety glazing materials~~ of the side wings or side windows located at the immediate right and left of the driver, the side windows behind the driver and the rear most window shall be nonreflective; and

(3) the total light transmission shall not be less than 35% when a sun screening device is used in conjunction with ~~safety glazing materials~~ or other existing sun screening devices.

(b) ~~Subsection (a)(3) shall not apply to a window of a law enforcement motor vehicle that is clearly identified as such by words or other symbols on the outside of the vehicle.~~

~~(b)~~ (c) The superintendent of the highway patrol may adopt such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

~~(e)~~ (d) This section shall not prohibit labels, stickers or other informational signs that are required or permitted by state law.

~~(d)~~ (e) No motor vehicle required to be registered in this state which is operated on the highways of this state shall be equipped with head lamps which are covered with any sun ~~screen~~ screening device, adhesive film or other glaze or application which, when such lamps are not in operation, is highly reflective or otherwise nontransparent.

~~(e) (1) From and after July 1, 1987, and prior to January 1, 1988, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to any person violating the provisions of this section.~~

~~(2) From and after January 1, 1988,~~

(f) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-2009a is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2009a. (a) Every school bus, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1461, and amendments thereto, shall be governed by the requirements of law and rules and regulations of the state board of education applicable to design, lighting equipment, distinctive markings, special warning devices, and any other equipment which are in effect on the date any such school bus is purchased or otherwise acquired, and shall be exempt from the requirements of law and rules and regulations which become effective at any time during a period of ~~20~~ 25 years from the date of manufacture of such school bus, ~~except that any school bus which was in operation on July 1, 1994, and exceeds such 20-year period shall be exempt until July 1, 1998.~~ The state board of education is hereby required to approve any such school bus as to design, and as to lighting equipment, special warning devices, distinctive markings, and any other equipment required by law and rules

and regulations, for operation as a school bus during such exemption period upon submission of a request for such approval.

(b) The state board of education is authorized to establish the procedure to be followed when request for approval of any such school bus is submitted under this section. The approval shall be in writing and a copy of the written approval shall be carried in the school bus at all times, but failure to carry such copy of the written approval shall not affect the status of the school bus as an approved school bus. The state board of education shall maintain a list of all such school buses which have been approved by the board.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-2118, as amended by section 1 of 2010 Senate Bill No. 519, is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2118. (a) A person charged with a traffic infraction shall, except as provided in subsection (b), appear at the place and time specified in the notice to appear. If the person enters an appearance, waives right to trial, pleads guilty or no contest, the fine shall be no greater than that specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs shall be taxed as provided by law.

(b) Prior to the time specified in the notice to appear, a person charged with a traffic infraction may enter a written appearance, waive right to trial, plead guilty or no contest and pay the fine for the violation as specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs provided by law. Payment may be made in any manner accepted by the court. The traffic citation shall not have been complied with if the payment is not honored for any reason, or if the fine and court costs are not paid in full. When a person charged with a traffic infraction makes payment without executing a written waiver of right to trial and plea of guilty or no contest, the payment shall be deemed such an appearance, waiver of right to trial and plea of no contest.

(c) The following uniform fine schedule shall apply uniformly throughout the state but shall not limit the fine which may be imposed following a court appearance, except an appearance made for the purpose of pleading and payment as permitted by subsection (a). The description of offense contained in the following uniform fine schedule is for reference only and is not a legal definition.

<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Refusal to submit to a preliminary breath test	8-1012	\$90
Unsafe speed for prevailing conditions	8-1557	\$60
Exceeding maximum speed limit; or speeding in zone posted by the state department of transportation; or speeding in locally posted zone	8-1558	1-10 mph over the limit, \$30
	8-1560	to 11-20 mph over the limit, \$30 plus \$6 per mph over 10 mph over the limit;
	8-1560a	or 21-30 mph over the limit, \$90 plus \$9 per mph over 20 mph over the limit;
	8-1560b	31 and more mph over the limit, \$180 plus \$15 per mph over 30 mph over the limit;
		limit;
Disobeying traffic control device	8-1507	\$60
Violating traffic control signal	8-1508	\$60
Violating pedestrian control signal	8-1509	\$30
Violating flashing traffic signals	8-1510	\$60
Violating lane-control signal	8-1511	\$60
Unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device	8-1512	\$30
Driving on left side of roadway	8-1514	\$60
Failure to keep right to pass oncoming vehicle	8-1515	\$60
Improper passing; increasing speed when passed	8-1516	\$60
Improper passing on right	8-1517	\$60
Passing on left with insufficient clearance	8-1518	\$60
Driving on left side where curve, grade, intersection railroad crossing, or obstructed view	8-1519	\$60
Driving on left in no-passing zone	8-1520	\$60
Unlawful passing of stopped emergency vehicle	8-1520a	\$60
Driving wrong direction on one-way road	8-1521	\$60
Improper driving on laned roadway	8-1522	\$60
Following too close	8-1523	\$60
Improper crossover on divided highway	8-1524	\$30
Failure to yield right-of-way at uncontrolled intersection	8-1526	\$60
Failure to yield to approaching vehicle when turning left	8-1527	\$60

Failure to yield at stop or yield sign	8-1528	\$60
Failure to yield from private road or driveway	8-1529	\$60
Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1530	\$180
Failure to yield to pedestrian or vehicle working on roadway	8-1531	\$90
Failure to comply with restrictions in road construction zone	8-1531a	\$30
Disobeying pedestrian traffic control device	8-1532	\$30
Failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk; pedestrian suddenly entering roadway; passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian at crosswalk	8-1533	\$60
Improper pedestrian crossing	8-1534	\$30
Failure to exercise due care in regard to pedestrian	8-1535	\$30
Improper pedestrian movement in crosswalk	8-1536	\$30
Improper use of roadway by pedestrian	8-1537	\$30
Soliciting ride or business on roadway	8-1538	\$30
Driving through safety zone	8-1539	\$30
Failure to yield to pedestrian on sidewalk	8-1540	\$30
Failure of pedestrian to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1541	\$30
Failure to yield to blind pedestrian	8-1542	\$30
Pedestrian disobeying bridge or railroad signal	8-1544	\$30
Improper turn or approach	8-1545	\$60
Improper "U" turn	8-1546	\$60
Unsafe starting of stopped vehicle	8-1547	\$30
Unsafe turning or stopping, failure to give proper signal; using turn signal unlawfully	8-1548	\$60
Improper method of giving notice of intention to turn	8-1549	\$30
Improper hand signal	8-1550	\$30
Failure to stop or obey railroad crossing signal	8-1551	\$180
Failure to stop at railroad crossing stop sign	8-1552	\$120
Certain hazardous vehicles failure to stop at railroad crossing	8-1553	\$180
Improper moving of heavy equipment at railroad crossing	8-1554	\$60
Vehicle emerging from alley, private roadway, building or driveway	8-1555	\$60
Improper passing of school bus; improper use of school bus signals	8-1556	\$300
Improper passing of church or day-care bus; improper use of signals	8-1556a	\$180
Impeding normal traffic by slow speed	8-1561	\$30
Speeding on motor-driven cycle	8-1562	\$60
Speeding in certain vehicles or on posted bridge	8-1563	\$30
Improper stopping, standing or parking on roadway	8-1569	\$30
Parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area	8-1571	\$30
Improper parking	8-1572	\$30
Unattended vehicle	8-1573	\$30
Improper backing	8-1574	\$30
Driving on sidewalk	8-1575	\$30
Driving with view or driving mechanism obstructed	8-1576	\$30
Unsafe opening of vehicle door	8-1577	\$30
Riding in house trailer	8-1578	\$30
<i>Unlawful riding on vehicle</i>	8-1578a	\$60
Improper driving in defiles, canyons, or on grades	8-1579	\$30
Coasting	8-1580	\$30
Following fire apparatus too closely	8-1581	\$60
Driving over fire hose	8-1582	\$30
Putting glass, etc., on highway	8-1583	\$90
Driving into intersection, crosswalk, or crossing without sufficient space on other side	8-1584	\$30
Improper operation of snowmobile on highway	8-1585	\$30
Parental responsibility of child riding bicycle	8-1586	\$30
Not riding on bicycle seat; too many persons on bicycle	8-1588	\$30
Clinging to other vehicle	8-1589	\$30
Improper riding of bicycle on roadway	8-1590	\$30
Carrying articles on bicycle; one hand on handlebars	8-1591	\$30
Improper bicycle lamps, brakes or reflectors	8-1592	\$30
Improper operation of motorcycle; seats; passengers, bundles	8-1594	\$30
Improper operation of motorcycle on laned roadway	8-1595	\$60
Motorcycle clinging to other vehicle	8-1596	\$30

Improper motorcycle handlebars or passenger equipment	8-1597	\$60
Motorcycle helmet and eye-protection requirements	8-1598	\$30
Unlawful riding on vehicle	8-1579a	\$60
Unlawful operation of all-terrain vehicle	8-15,100	\$60
Unlawful operation of low-speed vehicle	8-15,101	\$60
Littering	8-15,102	\$100
Disobeying school crossing guard	8-15,103	\$60
Unlawful operation of micro utility truck	8-15,106	\$60
Failure to remove vehicles in accidents	8-15,107	\$60
Unlawful operation of golf cart	8-15,108	\$60
Unlawful operation of work-site utility vehicle	8-15,109	\$60
<i>Unlawful display of license plate</i>	<i>section 1</i>	\$60
<i>Unlawful text messaging</i>	<i>section 2</i>	\$60
Equipment offenses that are not misdemeanors	8-1701	\$60
Driving without lights when needed	8-1703	\$30
Defective headlamps	8-1705	\$30
Defective tail lamps	8-1706	\$30
Defective reflector	8-1707	\$30
Improper stop lamp or turn signal	8-1708	\$30
Improper lighting equipment on certain vehicles	8-1710	\$30
Improper lamp color on certain vehicles	8-1711	\$30
Improper mounting of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1712	\$30
Improper visibility of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1713	\$30
No lamp or flag on projecting load	8-1715	\$60
Improper lamps on parked vehicle	8-1716	\$30
Improper lights, lamps, reflectors and emblems on farm tractors or slow-moving vehicles	8-1717	\$30
Improper lamps and equipment on implements of husbandry, road machinery or animal-drawn vehicles	8-1718	\$30
Unlawful use of spot, fog, or auxiliary lamp	8-1719	\$30
Improper lamps or lights on emergency vehicle	8-1720	\$30
Improper stop or turn signal	8-1721	\$30
Improper vehicular hazard warning lamp	8-1722	\$30
Unauthorized additional lighting equipment	8-1723	\$30
Improper multiple-beam lights	8-1724	\$30
Failure to dim headlights	8-1725	\$60
Improper single-beam headlights	8-1726	\$30
Improper speed with alternate lighting	8-1727	\$30
Improper number of driving lamps	8-1728	\$30
Unauthorized lights and signals	8-1729	\$30
Improper school bus lighting equipment and warning devices	8-1730	\$30
Unauthorized lights and devices on church or day-care bus	8-1730a	\$30
Improper lights on highway construction or maintenance vehicles	8-1731	\$30
Defective brakes	8-1734	\$30
Defective or improper use of horn or warning device	8-1738	\$30
Defective muffler	8-1739	\$30
Defective mirror	8-1740	\$30
Defective wipers; obstructed windshield or windows	8-1741	\$30
Improper tires	8-1742	\$30
Improper flares or warning devices	8-1744	\$30
Improper use of vehicular hazard warning lamps and devices	8-1745	\$30
Improper air-conditioning equipment	8-1747	\$30
Improper safety belt or shoulder harness	8-1749	\$30
Improper wide-based single tires	8-1742b	\$60
Improper compression release engine braking system	8-1761	\$60
Defective motorcycle headlamp	8-1801	\$30
Defective motorcycle tail lamp	8-1802	\$30
Defective motorcycle reflector	8-1803	\$30
Defective motorcycle stop lamps and turn signals	8-1804	\$30
Defective multiple-beam lighting	8-1805	\$30
Improper road-lighting equipment on motor-driven cycles	8-1806	\$30
Defective motorcycle or motor-driven cycle brakes	8-1807	\$30
Improper performance ability of brakes	8-1808	\$30
Operating motorcycle with disapproved braking system	8-1809	\$30
Defective horn, muffler, mirrors or tires	8-1810	\$30

Unlawful statehouse parking	75-4510a	\$15
Exceeding gross weight of vehicle or combination	8-1909	Pounds Overweight
		up to 1000 \$25
		1001 to 2000 3¢ per pound
		2001 to 5000 5¢ per pound
		5001 to 7500 7¢ per pound
		7501 and over .. 10¢ per pound
Exceeding gross weight on any axle or tandem, triple or quad axles	8-1908	Pounds Overweight
		up to 1000 \$25
		1001 to 2000 3¢ per pound
		2001 to 5000 5¢ per pound
		5001 to 7500 7¢ per pound
		7501 and over .. 10¢ per pound
Failure to obtain proper registration, clearance or to have current certification	66-1324	\$272
Insufficient liability insurance for motor carriers	66-1,128 or 66-1314	\$122
Failure to obtain interstate motor fuel tax authorization	79-34,122	\$122
No authority as private or common carrier	66-1,111	\$122
Violation of motor carrier safety rules and regulations, except for violations specified in subsection (b)(2) of K.S.A. 66-1,130, and amendments thereto	66-1,129	\$100

(d) Traffic offenses classified as traffic infractions by this section shall be classified as ordinance traffic infractions by those cities adopting ordinances prohibiting the same offenses. A schedule of fines for all ordinance traffic infractions shall be established by the municipal judge in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 12-4305, and amendments thereto. Such fines may vary from those contained in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(e) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) shall be doubled if a person is convicted of a traffic infraction, which is defined as a moving violation in accordance with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 8-249, and amendments thereto, committed within any road construction zone as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a, and amendments thereto.

(f) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined 1½ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a third violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years, after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined two times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a fourth and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after three prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined 2½ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(g) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) relating to exceeding the maximum speed limit, shall be doubled if a person is convicted of exceeding the maximum speed limit in a school zone authorized under subsection (a)(4) of K.S.A. 8-1560, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 8-1598, 8-1749a and 8-2009a and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-2118, as amended by section 1 of 2010 Senate Bill No. 519, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.