



Alerts

Driving Law Changes, Effective January 1, 2014

Effective January 1, 2014, Illinois driving law changes to ban the use of all hand-held electronic communication devices while driving on a roadway. Public Act 098-0506 defines an electronic communicate device as, "...including but not limited to a hand-held wireless telephone, hand-held personal digital assistant, or a portable or mobile computer, ...".

The new law does have exceptions, which include, *in part*:

- GPS or navigation systems physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle
- A device which is being used in a hands-free or voice-operated mode
- Reporting an emergency situation and communication with emergency personnel during that situation
- When the vehicle is stopped due to normal obstructed traffic conditions **and while** the vehicle's transmission is in the Neutral or Park position

Violations of this law will be subject to the following fine structure:

- First offense: \$75 (non-moving violation)
- Second offense: \$100 (moving violation)
- Third offense: \$125 (moving violation)
- Fourth and subsequent offense: \$150 (moving violation)

The above overview is being provided to make the community aware of the upcoming law changes, and is not a complete delineation of the new law. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the complete law by following the links provided below:

(Link) [Governor Quinn's August 16, 2013 State of Illinois Press Release](#)

(Link) [Public Act 098-0506](#)