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- 1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- 5 adding Section 12-813.1 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/12-813.1 new)
- 7 Sec. 12-813.1. Operation of a school bus while using a
- 8 cellular radio telecommunication device.
- 9 <u>(a) In this Section:</u>
- 10 <u>"School bus driver" means a person operating a school bus</u>
- 11 who has a valid school bus driver permit as required under
- 12 Sections 6-104 and 6-106.1 of this Code.
- "Cellular radio telecommunication device" means a device
- 14 <u>capable of sending or receiving telephone communications</u>
- 15 <u>without an access line for service and which requires the</u>
- 16 <u>operator to dial numbers manually. It does not, however,</u>
- 17 <u>include citizens band radios or citizens band radio hybrids.</u>
- 18 <u>"Using a cellular radio telecommunication device" means</u>
- 19 <u>talking or listening to or dialing a cellular radio</u>
- 20 <u>telecommunication device.</u>
- 21 To "operate" means to have the vehicle in motion while it
- 22 <u>contains one or more passengers.</u>
- 23 (b) A school bus driver may not operate a school bus
- 24 <u>while using a cellular radio telecommunication device.</u>
- 25 <u>(c) This Section does not apply:</u>
- 26 <u>(1) To the use of a cellular radio</u>
- 27 <u>telecommunication device for the purpose of communicating</u>
- 28 <u>with any of the following regarding an emergency</u>
- 29 <u>situation:</u>
- 30 (A) an emergency response operator;
- 31 <u>(B) a hospital;</u>

1	(C) a physician's office or health clinic;
2	(D) an ambulance service;
3	(E) a fire department, fire district, or fire
4	<pre>company; or</pre>
5	(F) a police department.
6	(2) To the use of a cellular radio
7	telecommunication device to call for assistance in the
8	event that there is a mechanical breakdown or other
9	mechanical problem that impairs the safe operation of the
10	bus.
11	(3) To the use of a cellular radio
12	telecommunication device that has a digital two-way radio
13	service capability owned and operated by the school
14	district, when that device is being used as a digital
15	two-way radio.
16	(4) When the school bus is parked.
17	(d) A school bus driver who violates this Section is
18	guilty of a petty offense punishable by a fine of not less
19	than \$100 and not more than \$250.