

I agree with this proposal.

Legislators are enacting these laws in an effort to eliminate the danger of texting while driving, but the wording of what defines a “handheld communications device” is often vague and results in unintended consequences, including outlawing the use of any two way radio device, including amateur radio, Citizens Band, commercial and government users..

Legislators exempt public safety personnel from using their communications devices, but no other users. For many commercial users, communicating with their personnel in the field is a necessity to run their business and quickly dispatch personnel to where they are needed. Too often, these laws effectively shut them down.

This was never a problem until the explosion of cell phones. If the intent of these laws is to outlaw the use of cell phones while driving, then outlaw cell phone use, not everything that can be called a “communications device.” Basically, a device whose primary purpose is to connect to the public switched telephone network.

Many of these laws are written, passed and signed into law by people who have no clear understanding of what they are writing, voting on and signing into law. By the time the bill is signed into law it is too late to undo the damage.

Please approve this proposal

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