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H.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an offense of using a telephone while operating a motor  
3 vehicle.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 545.425 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 545.425. USE OF TELEPHONE; OFFENSE. (a) An operator  
8 may not use a telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless:

9 (1) the vehicle is stopped; or

10 (2) the telephone is used without use of either of the  
11 operator's hands.

12 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
13 punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.