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H.B. No. 1498

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an offense of using certain portable electronic  
3 equipment in the front seat of a motor 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 CERTAIN PORTABLE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT;  
8 OFFENSE. A person who is the operator of a motor vehicle or is  
9 riding in the front seat of the vehicle may not use the following  
10 equipment while the vehicle is being operated unless the vehicle is  
11 stopped:

12 (1) a portable computer;

13 (2) a portable television;

14 (3) a portable digital video disc player; or

15 (4) a portable videocassette player.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.