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Nebraska Senator Proposed Ban on Cell Phone Use in Vehicles

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraskans could be fined for using a cell phone while in the driver's seat of vehicle under a bill proposed to the Nebraska Legislature.

Sen. Merv Riepe of Omaha introduced a bill Wednesday that would prohibit drivers from using the devices on the road, even to make a phone call.

Riepe says the bill is aimed at texting while driving, but would define all games, photos and data transmission as a secondary driving offense. Officers could only ticket motorists after stopping them for another reason.

The bill excludes emergency phone calls to and from doctors, law enforcement and fire departments. Under the measure, drivers could use their phones only if they have pulled off of the road to a safe stop.

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