

**Distracted Driving Legislation Is Enacted** - The Arizona Legislature passed HB2318 on 15 April and Governor Ducey signed it into law on 22 April. The law includes specific exemptions for “Federally Licensed Operators” (That’s US), and is designated to override municipal laws throughout the state. We applaud the hard work of our State Legislative Liaisons, Virgil Silhanek (K7VZ), and Tom Bosa (NE7X) , as well as the support of the Regulatory and Counseling staff at ARRL Headquarters, (under Dan Henderson, N1ND) for constantly reviewing each version of the bills to assure our rights were assured. We will be celebrating the success at a special event party on Saturday June 1st, at the ARRL State Convention In Prescott.



Arizona bill SB2318, Texting While Driving; Prohibition; Enforcement, was passed by the House and Senate and has been signed by Governor Ducey. Several bills addressing texting while driving were introduced this session, motivated most recently by the tragic death of Salt River Officer Clayton Townsend on January 8th by a man who crossed several lanes of traffic as he was texting. Read the entire text of HB2318 at this link: <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/470638>



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C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

2. AN OPERATOR WHO IS LICENSED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WHILE OPERATING A RADIO FREQUENCY DEVICE OTHER THAN A PORTABLE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE.

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I. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

1. "PORTABLE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE":

(b) DOES NOT INCLUDE A RADIO, CITIZENS BAND RADIO, CITIZENS BAND RADIO HYBRID, COMMERCIAL TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION DEVICE OR ITS FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT, SUBSCRIPTION-BASED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DEVICE, PRESCRIBED MEDICAL DEVICE, AMATEUR OR HAM RADIO DEVICE OR IN-VEHICLE SECURITY, NAVIGATION OR REMOTE DIAGNOSTICS SYSTEM.



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