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HOUSE BILL 15-1207

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE USE OF EARPHONES WHILE DRIVING.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Current law prohibits the use of earphones when driving. The bill exempts from the definition of "earphones" a headset that covers only one ear and that is used with a hand-held telephone.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1411, **amend**  
2 (1) (b) as follows:

3           **42-4-1411. Use of earphones while driving.** (1) (b) For purposes  
4 of this subsection (1), "earphones" includes any headset, radio, tape  
5 player, or other similar device which provides the listener with radio  
6 programs, music, or other recorded information through a device attached  
7 to the head and which covers all of or a portion of the ears. "Earphones"  
8 does not include speakers or other listening devices ~~which~~ THAT are built  
9 into protective headgear OR A HEADSET THAT ONLY COVERS ALL OR A  
10 PORTION OF ONE EAR AND THAT IS CONNECTED TO A WIRELESS,  
11 HAND-HELD TELEPHONE.

12           **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to offenses  
13 committed on or after the effective date of this act.

14           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.