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A bill that would ban texting by drivers while operating a vehicle in motion is being considered by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Nebraska Legislature.

Testimony was first heard Feb. 9 on the bill, which would prohibit drivers from using handheld wireless communication devices to read, type or send written communications while driving.

LB 945 was introduced by Sen. John Harms of Scottsbluff. It has since been made a priority bill of Sen. John Wightman of Lexington.

An aide for Sen. Harms said Monday that the bill may be amended. As it stands now, texting while driving would be a primary offense, meaning that a police officer could stop a driver if he or she suspects texting is being done.

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