

*As Amended by Senate Committee*

*Session of 2024*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2499**

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Travis Lowe on behalf of AAA Kansas

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; prohibiting the use of a mobile  
2 telephone while operating a vehicle in a school zone or a road  
3 construction zone or by individuals under 18 years of age; amending  
4 K.S.A. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 New Section 1. (a) No person under the age of 18 years of age shall  
8 use a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle.

9 (b) No person shall use a mobile telephone while operating a motor  
10 vehicle in a school zone at a time when a reduced speed limit is enforced  
11 as established by K.S.A. 8-1560(a) or 8-1560e, and amendments thereto,  
12 or in a road construction zone, as that term is defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a,  
13 and amendments thereto, while workers are present.

14 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to:

15 (1) A law enforcement officer or emergency service personnel acting  
16 within the course and scope of the law enforcement officer's or emergency  
17 service personnel's employment;

18 (2) a person operating a motor vehicle that is halted at a location  
19 where the vehicle can safely and lawfully remain stationary; or

20 (3) a mobile telephone that is being used with a hands-free device.

21 (d) The provisions of subsections (a) or (b) shall not prohibit a person  
22 from using a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle that would  
23 otherwise violate subsections (a) or (b) to:

24 (1) Report current or ongoing illegal activity to law enforcement;

25 (2) prevent imminent injury to a person or property;

26 (3) summon medical or other emergency assistance; or

27 (4) relay information between a transit or for-hire operator and the  
28 operator's dispatcher, if the device is permanently affixed to the motor  
29 vehicle.

30 (e) Holding a mobile telephone shall constitute prima facie evidence  
31 of a violation of:

32 (1) Subsection (a) for persons under the age of 18 years of age; or

33 (2) subsection (b) for persons operating a motor vehicle in a school  
34 zone or a road construction zone.

35 (f) As used in this section:

1 (1) "Hands-free device" means speakerphone capability or a  
 2 telephone attachment or other piece of equipment, regardless of whether or  
 3 not the hands-free device is permanently installed in the motor vehicle,  
 4 that allows use of the mobile telephone without use of either of the  
 5 operator's hands.

6 (2) "Mobile telephone" does not include a commercial two-way radio  
 7 communication device or its functional equivalent, subscription-based  
 8 emergency communication device, prescribed medical device, amateur or  
 9 ham radio device or remote diagnostics system.

10 (g) A law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone  
 11 violating the provisions of subsections (a) or (b). The provisions of this  
 12 subsection shall expire and have no effect on and after July 1, 2025.

13 (h) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the uniform act  
 14 regulating traffic on highways.

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-2118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2118.

16 (a) A person charged with a traffic infraction shall, except as provided in  
 17 subsection (b), appear at the place and time specified in the notice to  
 18 appear. If the person enters an appearance, waives right to trial, pleads  
 19 guilty or no contest, the fine shall be no greater than that specified in the  
 20 uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs shall be taxed as  
 21 provided by law.

22 (b) Prior to the time specified in the notice to appear, a person  
 23 charged with a traffic infraction may enter a written appearance, waive  
 24 right to trial, plead guilty or no contest and pay the fine for the violation as  
 25 specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs  
 26 provided by law. Payment may be made in any manner accepted by the  
 27 court. The traffic citation shall not have been complied with if the payment  
 28 is not honored for any reason, or if the fine and court costs are not paid in  
 29 full. When a person charged with a traffic infraction makes payment  
 30 without executing a written waiver of right to trial and plea of guilty or no  
 31 contest, the payment shall be deemed such an appearance, waiver of right  
 32 to trial and plea of no contest.

33 (c) The following uniform fine schedule shall apply uniformly  
 34 throughout the state but shall not limit the fine that may be imposed  
 35 following a court appearance, except an appearance made for the purpose  
 36 of pleading and payment as permitted by subsection (a). The description of  
 37 offense contained in the following uniform fine schedule is for reference  
 38 only and is not a legal definition.

<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
39 Unsafe speed for prevailing 40 conditions	8-1557	\$75
41 Exceeding maximum speed 42 limit; or speeding in zone	8-1558 to	1-10 mph over the limit, \$45

1	posted by the state depart-	8-1560	
2	ment of transportation; or	8-1560a	11-20 mph over the
3	speeding in locally posted	or	limit, \$45 plus \$6
4	zone	8-1560b	per mph over 10
5			mph over the limit;
6			21-30 mph over the
7			limit, \$105 plus \$9
8			per mph over 20
9			mph over the limit;
10			31 and more mph
11			over the limit, \$195
12			plus \$15 per mph
13			over 30 mph over
14			the limit;
15	Disobeying traffic control de-	8-1507	\$75
16	vice		
17	Violating traffic control signal	8-1508	\$75
18	Violating pedestrian control	8-1509	\$45
19	signal		
20	Violating flashing traffic signals	8-1510	\$75
21	Violating lane-control signal	8-1511	\$75
22	Unauthorized sign, signal,	8-1512	\$45
23	marking or device		
24	Driving on left side of roadway	8-1514	\$75
25	Failure to keep right to pass	8-1515	\$75
26	oncoming vehicle		
27	Improper passing; increasing	8-1516	\$75
28	speed when passed		
29	Improper passing on right	8-1517	\$75
30	Passing on left with insuffi-	8-1518	\$75
31	cient clearance		
32	Driving on left side where	8-1519	\$75
33	curve, grade, intersec-		
34	tion railroad crossing, or		
35	obstructed view		
36	Driving on left in no-passing	8-1520	\$75
37	zone		
38	Unlawful passing of stopped	8-1520a	\$75
39	emergency vehicle		
40	Driving wrong direction on	8-1521	\$75
41	one-way road		
42	Improper driving on laned	8-1522	\$75
43	roadway		

1	Following too close	8-1523	\$75
2	Improper crossover on	8-1524	\$45
3	divided highway		
4	Failure to yield right-of-way	8-1526	\$75
5	at uncontrolled intersection		
6	Failure to yield to approach-	8-1527	\$75
7	ing vehicle when turning		
8	left		
9	Failure to yield at stop or	8-1528	\$75
10	yield sign		
11	Failure to yield from private	8-1529	\$75
12	road or driveway		
13	Failure to yield to emergency	8-1530	\$195
14	vehicle		
15	Failure to yield to pedestrian	8-1531	\$105
16	or vehicle working on		
17	roadway		
18	Failure to comply with re-	8-1531a	\$45
19	strictions in road con-		
20	struction zone		
21	Disobeying pedestrian traffic	8-1532	\$45
22	control device		
23	Failure to yield to pedestrian	8-1533	\$75
24	in crosswalk; pedestrian		
25	suddenly entering road-		
26	way; passing vehicle		
27	stopped for pedestrian at		
28	crosswalk		
29	Improper pedestrian crossing	8-1534	\$45
30	Failure to exercise due care in	8-1535	\$45
31	regard to pedestrian		
32	Improper pedestrian move-	8-1536	\$45
33	ment in crosswalk		
34	Improper use of roadway by	8-1537	\$45
35	pedestrian		
36	Soliciting ride or business	8-1538	\$45
37	on roadway		
38	Driving through safety zone	8-1539	\$45
39	Failure to yield to pedestrian	8-1540	\$45
40	on sidewalk		
41	Failure of pedestrian to yield	8-1541	\$45
42	to emergency vehicle		
43	Failure to yield to blind	8-1542	\$45

1	pedestrian		
2	Pedestrian disobeying bridge	8-1544	\$45
3	or railroad signal		
4	Improper turn or approach	8-1545	\$75
5	Improper "U" turn	8-1546	\$75
6	Unsafe starting of stopped	8-1547	\$45
7	vehicle		
8	Unsafe turning or stopping,	8-1548	\$75
9	failure to give proper sig-		
10	nal; using turn signal un-		
11	lawfully		
12	Improper method of giving	8-1549	\$45
13	notice of intention to turn		
14	Improper hand signal	8-1550	\$45
15	Failure to stop or obey	8-1551	\$195
16	road crossing signal		
17	Failure to stop at railroad	8-1552	\$135
18	crossing stop sign		
19	Certain hazardous vehicles	8-1553	\$195
20	failure to stop at railroad		
21	crossing		
22	Improper moving of heavy	8-1554	\$75
23	equipment at railroad		
24	crossing		
25	Vehicle emerging from alley,	8-1555	\$75
26	private roadway, building		
27	or driveway		
28	Improper passing of school	8-1556	\$315
29	bus; improper use of		
30	school bus signals		
31	Improper passing of church	8-1556a	\$195
32	or day-care bus; improper		
33	use of signals		
34	Impeding normal traffic	8-1561	\$45
35	by slow speed		
36	Speeding on motor-driven	8-1562	\$75
37	cycle		
38	Speeding in certain vehicles	8-1563	\$45
39	or on posted bridge		
40	Improper stopping, standing	8-1569	\$45
41	or parking on roadway		
42	Parking, standing or stopping	8-1571	\$45
43	in prohibited area		

1	Improper parking	8-1572	\$45
2	Unattended vehicle	8-1573	\$45
3	Improper backing	8-1574	\$45
4	Driving on sidewalk	8-1575	\$45
5	Driving with view or driving	8-1576	\$45
6	mechanism obstructed		
7	Unsafe opening of vehicle	8-1577	\$45
8	door		
9	Riding in house trailer	8-1578	\$45
10	Unlawful riding on vehicle	8-1578a	\$75
11	Improper driving in defiles,	8-1579	\$45
12	canyons, or on grades		
13	Coasting	8-1580	\$45
14	Following fire apparatus too	8-1581	\$75
15	closely		
16	Driving over fire hose	8-1582	\$45
17	Putting glass, etc., on high-	8-1583	\$105
18	way		
19	Driving into intersection,	8-1584	\$45
20	crosswalk, or crossing		
21	without sufficient space		
22	on other side		
23	Improper operation of snow-	8-1585	\$45
24	mobile on highway		
25	Parental responsibility of	8-1586	\$45
26	child riding bicycle		
27	Not riding on bicycle seat;	8-1588	\$45
28	too many persons on		
29	bicycle		
30	Clinging to other vehicle	8-1589	\$45
31	Improper riding of bicycle on	8-1590	\$45
32	roadway		
33	Carrying articles on bicycle;	8-1591	\$45
34	one hand on handlebars		
35	Improper bicycle lamps,	8-1592	\$45
36	brakes or reflectors		
37	Improper operation of	8-1594	\$45
38	motorcycle; seats; passen-		
39	gers, bundles		
40	Improper operation of motor	8-1595	\$75
41	cycle on laned roadway		
42	Motorcycle clinging to other	8-1596	\$45
43	vehicle		

1	Improper motorcycle handle-	8-1597	\$75
2	bars or passenger		
3	equipment		
4	Motorcycle helmet and eye-	8-1598	\$45
5	protection requirements		
6	Unlawful operation of all-ter-	8-15,100	\$75
7	rain vehicle		
8	Unlawful operation of	8-15,101	\$75
9	low-speed vehicle		
10	Littering	8-15,102	\$115
11	Disobeying school crossing	8-15,103	\$75
12	guard		
13	Unlawful operation of micro	8-15,106	\$75
14	utility truck		
15	Failure to remove vehicles in	8-15,107	\$75
16	accidents		
17	Unlawful operation of golf	8-15,108	\$75
18	cart		
19	Unlawful operation of work-	8-15,109	\$75
20	site utility vehicle		
21	Unlawful display of license	8-15,110	\$60
22	plate		
23	Unlawful text messaging	8-15,111	\$60
24	Unlawful passing of a waste	8-15,112	\$45
25	collection vehicle		
26	Unlawful operation of	8-15,113	\$45
27	electric-assisted scooter		
28	Unlawful passing of a utility or	8-15,114	\$105
29	telecommunications vehicle		
30	<i>Unlawful use of mobile telephone</i>	<i>section 1</i>	<i>\$60</i>
31	Equipment offenses that are	8-1701	\$75
32	not misdemeanors		
33	Driving without lights when	8-1703	\$45
34	needed		
35	Defective headlamps	8-1705	\$45
36	Defective tail lamps	8-1706	\$45
37	Defective reflector	8-1707	\$45
38	Improper stop lamp or turn	8-1708	\$45
39	signal		
40	Improper lighting equipment	8-1710	\$45
41	on certain vehicles		
42	Improper lamp color on	8-1711	\$45
43	certain vehicles		

1	Improper mounting of re-	8-1712	\$45
2	flectors and lamps on		
3	certain vehicles		
4	Improper visibility of reflec-	8-1713	\$45
5	tors and lamps on certain		
6	vehicles		
7	No lamp or flag on projecting	8-1715	\$75
8	load		
9	Improper lamps on parked	8-1716	\$45
10	vehicle		
11	Improper lights, lamps, re-	8-1717	\$45
12	flectors and emblems on		
13	farm tractors or slow-		
14	moving vehicles		
15	Improper lamps and equip-	8-1718	\$45
16	ment on implements of		
17	husbandry, road machin-		
18	ery or animal-drawn -		
19	vehicles		
20	Unlawful use of spot, fog, or	8-1719	\$45
21	auxiliary lamp		
22	Improper lamps or lights on	8-1720	\$45
23	emergency vehicle		
24	Improper stop or turn signal	8-1721	\$45
25	Improper vehicular hazard	8-1722	\$45
26	warning lamp		
27	Unauthorized additional	8-1723	\$45
28	lighting equipment		
29	Improper multiple-beam lights	8-1724	\$45
30	Failure to dim headlights	8-1725	\$75
31	Improper single-beam head-	8-1726	\$45
32	lights		
33	Improper speed with alter-	8-1727	\$45
34	nate lighting		
35	Improper number of driving	8-1728	\$45
36	lamps		
37	Unauthorized lights and sig-	8-1729	\$45
38	nals		
39	Improper school bus lighting	8-1730	\$45
40	equipment and warning		
41	devices		
42	Unauthorized lights and de-	8-1730a	\$45
43	vices on church or day-		

1	care bus		
2	Improper lights on highway	8-1731	\$45
3	construction or maintenance		
4	vehicles		
5	Defective brakes	8-1734	\$45
6	Defective or improper use of	8-1738	\$45
7	horn or warning device		
8	Defective muffler	8-1739	\$45
9	Defective mirror	8-1740	\$45
10	Defective wipers; obstructed	8-1741	\$45
11	windshield or windows		
12	Improper tires	8-1742	\$45
13	Improper flares or warning	8-1744	\$45
14	devices		
15	Improper use of vehicular	8-1745	\$45
16	hazard warning lamps		
17	and devices		
18	Improper air-conditioning	8-1747	\$45
19	equipment		
20	Improper safety belt or	8-1749	\$45
21	shoulder harness		
22	Improper wide-based single	8-1742b	\$75
23	tires		
24	Improper compression re-	8-1761	\$75
25	lease engine braking sys-		
26	tem		
27	Defective motorcycle head-	8-1801	\$45
28	lamp		
29	Defective motorcycle tail	8-1802	\$45
30	lamp		
31	Defective motorcycle reflec-	8-1803	\$45
32	tor		
33	Defective motorcycle stop	8-1804	\$45
34	lamps and turn signals		
35	Defective multiple-beam	8-1805	\$45
36	lighting		
37	Improper road-lighting equip-	8-1806	\$45
38	ment on motor-driven		
39	cycles		
40	Defective motorcycle or mo-	8-1807	\$45
41	tor-driven cycle brakes		
42	Improper performance	8-1808	\$45
43	ability of brakes		

1	Operating motorcycle with	8-1809	\$45
2	disapproved braking		
3	system		
4	Defective horn, muffler,	8-1810	\$45
5	mirrors or tires		
6	Unlawful statehouse parking	75-4510a	\$30
7	Exceeding gross weight of	8-1909	Pounds Overweight
8	vehicle or combination		up to 1000.....\$40
9			1001 to 2000.....3¢
10			per pound
11			2001 to 5000.....5¢
12			per pound
13			5001 to 7500.....7¢
14			per pound
15			7501 and over.....10¢
16			per pound
17	Exceeding gross weight on	8-1908	Pounds Overweight
18	any axle or tandem,		up to 1000.....\$40
19	triple or quad axles		1001 to 2000.....3¢
20			per pound
21			2001 to 5000.....5¢
22			per pound
23			5001 to 7500.....7¢
24			per pound
25			7501 and over.....10¢
26			per pound
27	Failure to obtain proper re-	66-1324	\$287
28	gistration, clearance or		
29	to have current cer-		
30	tification		
31	Insufficient liability insur-	66-1,128	\$137
32	ance for motor carriers	or 66-1314	
33	Failure to obtain interstate	79-34,122	\$137
34	motor fuel tax author-		
35	ization		
36	No authority as private or	66-1,111	\$137
37	common carrier		
38	Violation of motor carrier	66-1,129	\$115
39	safety rules and regula-		
40	tions, except for viola-		
41	tions specified in K.S.A.		
42	66-1,130(b)(2), and		
43	amendments thereto		

1 (d) Traffic offenses classified as traffic infractions by this section  
2 shall be classified as ordinance traffic infractions by those cities adopting  
3 ordinances prohibiting the same offenses. A schedule of fines for all  
4 ordinance traffic infractions shall be established by the municipal judge in  
5 the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 12-4305, and amendments thereto. Such  
6 fines may vary from those contained in the uniform fine schedule  
7 contained in subsection (c).

8 (e) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection  
9 (c) shall be doubled if a person is convicted of a traffic infraction, which is  
10 defined as a moving violation in accordance with rules and regulations  
11 adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 8-249, and amendments thereto, committed  
12 within any road construction zone as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a, and  
13 amendments thereto.

14 (f) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and  
15 amendments thereto, within two years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-  
16 1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction  
17 shall be fined  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of  
18 the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection  
19 (c). For a third violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments  
20 thereto, within two years, after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or  
21 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be  
22 fined two times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the  
23 schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).  
24 For a fourth and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909,  
25 and amendments thereto, within two years after three prior convictions of  
26 K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon  
27 conviction shall be fined  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the applicable amount from one, but  
28 not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in  
29 subsection (c).

30 (g) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection  
31 (c) relating to exceeding the maximum speed limit, shall be doubled if a  
32 person is convicted of exceeding the maximum speed limit in a school  
33 zone authorized under K.S.A. 8-1560(a)(4), and amendments thereto.

34 (h) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto,  
35 within five years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1556, and  
36 amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction, shall be fined \$750 for  
37 the second violation. For a third and each succeeding violation of K.S.A.  
38 8-1556, and amendments thereto, within five years after two prior  
39 convictions of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, such person, upon  
40 conviction, shall be fined \$1,000 for the third and each succeeding  
41 violation.

42 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-2118 is hereby repealed.

43 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the ~~statute book~~ ***Kansas register***.