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Illinois Statewide Cell Phone Driving Ban

On Friday August 17, 2013, Governor Quinn signed into law legislation that bans the use of hand-held electronic communication devices while driving. He also signed a second law that increases the penalties when the use of an electronic device while driving results in an accident. The new laws go into effect on January 1, 2014 and are both covered in House Bill 1247.

The new cell phone driving ban does have a few exceptions and expands the definition of “electronic communication devices” to cover more than just cell phones.

The full text of House Bill 1247 can be read at the Illinois General Assembly website: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=85&GA=98&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=1247&GAID=12&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=>

State government employees who have the need to utilize their cell phone while driving can order headsets from CMS. Due to the fact that accessories change so often, pictures and descriptions are not available on the CMS Telecom website.

Current headset offerings

(See photos on next page)

Wired

Plantronics MX200 FlexGrip Universal Earbud Headset, Model MX200CAET35 \$ 16.50,
Plantronics T35 Flex Boom Earbud, Model PLANFLEXBOMT35 \$16.50
Universal Jabra Ear Wave w/CAE and Wind Mic with Mute, Model JABWAVET35-EG \$24.75

Bluetooth (wireless)

Plantronics M25 Bluetooth Headset, Model PBTM25Z \$33.00

The headsets must be ordered via TSR. The order must include the Cost Center and at least one phone number per Cost Center for billing purposes. The order must also include the brand/model numbers of the cell phones that the headsets will be used with so compatibility can be verified since some of the older models require adapters.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the CSC Wireless Provisioning staff at 800-366-8768 option 5, option 2.

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