

Message from your ARRL State Government Liaison, Ingrid Klose, KD4F:

Recently on 1 July 2019 a new law passed by the Tennessee Congress was to prohibit the use of hand held devices
As you will see in the information below and in the link to the newly enacted law, many types of devices including Amateur "Ham" Radio Mobile Devices are specifically exempt.

Over the next couple of days we will work to get distribution to all County EMA Directors, TEMA THP and Local Law Enforcement to comply with the intent of the law as some Amateur Operators have already been stopped for using their equipment in Mobile configuration because of this Law.

Please bear with us as we disseminate this information Section Wide in Tennessee. The following is a format that we Will be asking help to follow through with local EMA director to apprise Local Law Enforcement in their Counties while we look for assistance to provide information to State Law Enforcement Agencies across the Tennessee Section."Tennessee recently enacted Public Chapter Law 412 to promote traffic safety and restrict the use of Wireless telecommunications devices while driving in Tennessee. This new law maintains several of the exemptions which were present in the prior version that applied only to school zones.

"To aid in enforcement, we are requesting you share these exemptions with your County's Law Enforcement agencies to empower Officers to better enforce the new law. With these exceptions in hand, Officers will be able to accurately enforce the new provisions and avoid generating citations which would later be dismissed due to the exceptions.

Section 1(a)(3): Wireless telecommunications device does not include:

- 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
- In-vehicle security, navigation, autonomous technology or remote diagnostics

These devices were expressly exempted from the new law. We look forward to continuing our ARES partnership together in supplementing the County EMA's communication needs.

This is the link to the newly enacted Tennessee Bill as passed

into Law.

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/111/pub/pc0412.pdf>

We encourage you to make a copy of this notice in the interim and carry it with you in the event that you may be asked to provide information to show why you should not be cited.

Thank You for all you do for Amateur Radio in Tennessee. This applies to all Amateurs, Not just ARES Personnel.

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