

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 240

March 22, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives COLON, BOYLE, CARPENTER, BERCEAU and CULLEN. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 346.95 (2); and *to create* 346.895 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular or other mobile telephone and  
3             providing a penalty.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Current law prohibits inattentive driving, which means that a driver of a motor vehicle may not be so engaged or occupied as to interfere with the safe driving of the vehicle. Any person convicted of inattentive driving may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$400.

This bill generally prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle (other than an authorized emergency vehicle) while using a cellular or other mobile telephone (cellular phone), regardless of whether use of the cellular phone interferes with the operation of the vehicle. However, an operator may use a hands-free cellular phone and may use a cellular phone to report an emergency. Any person convicted of operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular phone may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$400.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 346.895 of the statutes is created to read:

