097738204 1 SENATE BILL NO. 966 2 3 4 5 Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 12, 2009 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-1078.1, relating to use of wireless telecommunications devices while operating a motor vehicle. 6 Patron—Blevins 7 8 Referred to Committee on Transportation 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-1078.1 as follows: 11 § 46.2-1078.1. Use of certain wireless telecommunications devices by certain persons prohibited. 12 Except for emergency 911 calls, no person shall use any cellular telephone, mobile telephone, or 13 14 other hand-held wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle; however, the 15 foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to use of any cellular telephone, mobile telephone, or

other wireless telecommunications device if such device is configured for hands-free operation.