

<http://www.MSCNews.net/news/index.cfm?nk=37748>

Texting Crackdown on Drivers Nets 56 Citations

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Some law enforcement officers say a Kansas law against texting-and-driving is difficult to enforce because it is too vague.

The 3-year-old law requires officers to ticket drivers who are writing or sending a text while driving or any time the phone is transmitting any type of data. A bill that would have clarified that the law doesn't apply to drivers who are typing in a phone number to make a call did not get a hearing last session.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports the Kansas Highway Patrol issued 56 texting-and-driving citations in a recent crackdown.

Patrol spokesman Lt. Josh Kellerman says the law is making drivers safer but it requires officers to observe drivers carefully to confirm that they're using their phone as allowed by law.

Associated Press