

**Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 2380

House of Origin X Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: Delegate J. M. Scott

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Establish penalty for text messaging and emailing while driving.

5. Summary: This bill prohibits operation of a motor vehicle, bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on the Commonwealth's highways while using any wireless telecommunications device for the purpose of composing or sending a text message or email. Exemptions are provided for persons lawfully parked or stopped, the use of global positioning systems (GPS), and the use of a wireless telecommunications device to report an emergency. The provisions of this bill do not apply to operators of emergency vehicles.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Section 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: N/A

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, there is insufficient information available to reliably estimate how many violations could result from this proposed legislation. However, any fines collected under these provisions would be deposited to the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: N/A

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: N/A

11. Other Comments: None.

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