

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1876

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Delegate Cosgrove

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 preparing or sending any text message or email. The prohibition, however, does not extend to the use of global positioning systems (GPS) or telecommunications device when used to report an emergency. This bill also exempts operators of emergency vehicles.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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: law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar in intent to HB 1615 and HB 2380.

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