

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB415

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Watts

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Operation of moving motor vehicle while distracted; penalties.

5. Summary: Prohibits the operation of a moving motor vehicle while engaged in other activities, such as using a wireless telephone or other wireless telecommunications device without a hands-free apparatus, searching for an item, or personal grooming. Current law specifically prohibits the use of a handheld personal communications device to send or read an email or text message while operating a moving motor vehicle. The bill allows for certain exceptions, including the use of a citizens band radio. The offense would be a secondary offense punishable by a \$40 fine on the first offense and a \$100 fine for each subsequent offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although this legislation may have some revenue impact due to the doubling of the fines and greater number of actions that could be a violation, it is impossible to determine the extent of the impact at this time. Any additional civil penalties derived from this legislation will be deposited into the literary fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Court System.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 01/30/2012