

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 219

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| 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: Senator Barker

3. Committee: Transportation

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

5. Summary: This bill permits law enforcement officers to issue citations to violators who either text message or email while operating a moving motor vehicle. Under the current legislation, police must have due cause to stop or arrest a driver for some other violation prior to issuing a citation for texting or emailing.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, there is insufficient information available to reliably estimate how many violations could result from this proposed legislation; although, an increase is expected. Any additional fines collected under these provisions would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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