

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1160

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: Barker

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Driving while texting; primary offense; increased penalties.

5. Summary: Provides that driving while texting is a traffic infraction punishable, for a first offense, by a fine of \$250 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by a fine of \$500. The current penalties are \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for a second or subsequent offense. The bill also changes the offense from a secondary offense (one that can only be charged when the offender is stopped for another, separate offense) to a primary offense. The bill also provides that a violation of this provision does not preclude prosecution under any other applicable provision of the criminal law or of the law governing the operation of motor vehicles.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although this legislation could have a possible additional revenue impact from additional convictions, it is impossible to determine the extent of the impact at this time. Any possible additional revenue derived from this legislation will be deposited in the Literary Fund

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None. Similar to HB 1907.

