

Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB555

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

2. **Patron:** Cosgrove

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Learner's permit holder; passenger limits; use of cell phone.

5. **Summary:** This bill prohibits a holder of a learner's permit from (i) using a cell phone while driving and (ii) having more than one passenger under age 21. Current law prohibits the holder of a provisional driver's license who is under the age of 18 from (i) having more than one passenger under age 21 unless a parent is present and (ii) using a cellphone. The bill removes the exception that a provisional driver's license holder under age 18 may have more than one passenger under age 21 if a parent is present. The bill also clarifies that the passenger limitations on all provisional driver's licenses do not include household or family members. The bill amends the definition of family member to include first cousins. The bill also lowers the age from 19 to 18 as it relates to mandatory driver's education and the nine month learner's permit holding period.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill is anticipated to have some fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to incur costs to have its vendor, CBN (that produces the learner's permit and license credentials), to add the cell phone restriction to the learner's permit and to modify language relating to passenger restrictions on the learner's permit and provisional license. DMV anticipates these costs will be typical of costs the agency has incurred for similar changes in restrictions in the past and will be absorbed by the agency.

The bill will not result in a significant expenditure increase in the area of information technology for the agency. The System Support Group within DMV has estimated the hours that may be needed for the information technology staff to implement the legislation. The staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules, given current workloads.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, law enforcement.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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c: Secretary of Transportation