

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1811

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: Collins

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Handheld personal communications devices, use while driving.

5. Summary: Expands the prohibition on using a handheld personal communications device while operating a motor vehicle to all uses unless the device is specifically designed to allow hands-free and voice operation and the device is being used in that manner. Current law prohibits only the reading of any email or text message and manually entering letters or text in the device as a means of communicating. The bill expands the exemptions to include handheld personal communications devices that are used (i) for navigation or generating audio transmissions when the device is physically mounted to the vehicle; (ii) as an amateur radio or a citizen's band radio; (iii) to activate, deactivate, or initiate a factory-installed feature or function on the vehicle; or (iv) for official Department of Transportation or traffic incident management services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Implementation of this bill's provisions would result in more individuals being fined for improper use of handheld personal communication devices. All such fines are deposited in the state's Literary Fund. At this time, it is not feasible to determine the revenue that would be deposited to the Literary Fund as a result of the provisions of this legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None