

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26071

The purpose of this bill is to set guidelines regarding the use of electronic devices while driving. After years of experience, it is apparent that electronic devices are highly distracting to drivers, who may be travelling as high as 80 miles per hour while holding a cell phone to an ear, viewing applications or covering both ears with headphones or ear pieces. Currently, there is no law at all that regulates use of such devices while driving, except for texting. This bill will make it a minor infraction to use electronic devices while operating a vehicle in motion.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the state general fund except for the cost of enforcement by the state police, which may be offset by fine revenue. There will be a small cost to local law enforcement and the courts as potential violations of the new law are enforced.

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