

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Brophy

Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE USE OF GUIDANCE SYSTEMS TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue Fines Collection Cash Fund	Increase - See State Revenue section.	
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Transportation Committee on February 5, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows persons to use guidance systems to operate a vehicle, provided certain conditions are met. It creates requirements to use such as system, including compliance with traffic law and equipment restrictions. It also allows drivers to use a wireless telephone while in motion. Finally, the bill requires that the Departments of Revenue and Public Safety report to the General Assembly recommendations on the use of guidance systems by August 30, 2018.

State Revenue

This bill may reduce state revenue by a minimal amount. It removes the infraction of using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle, and requires compliance with a new set of laws concerning guidance systems. The penalty for using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle class A traffic infraction is \$50, with a second offense of \$100. Because the courts have the discretion of imposing a fine, the revenue impact to the state Fines Collection cash fund cannot be determined.

State Expenditures

This bill increases expenditures in the Departments of Revenue and Public Safety by a minimal amount. The bill requires that a report be submitted to the General Assembly by 2018. This work for both departments is expected to be minimal and can be performed within existing appropriations. Further, a minimal increase will be incurred to update internal policies.

In addition, because this bill removes the infraction of using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle while using the guidance system, there will be a minimal reduction in state court workload.

Local Government Impact

This bill may reduce local government revenue by a minimal amount. It removes the infraction of using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle, and requires compliance with a new set of laws concerning guidance systems. A minimal reduction in county court workload is expected, but since the number of individuals who would operate by a guidance system is unknown, and expected to be small in coming years, it is not possible to determine this reduction. The penalty for using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle class A traffic infraction is \$50 for a first offense and \$100 for a second offense.

Departments Contacted

Judicial	Public Safety	Revenue	Transportation
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