

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3121, House Amendment**  
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TO:	The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	House Education and Public Works Comm.	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	56-5-3890
SUBJECT:	Distracted Driving Bill		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The House Amendment to House Bill 3121 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Sections 56-5-3890, 56-5-3895 and 56-5-3897 which make it unlawful to use an electronic communication device while driving a motor vehicle under certain circumstances. The Bill also amends Section 56-1-720 relating to the assessment of points against a person's driving record for violations to include the new violation of improper use of an electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Judicial Department, Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Corrections indicate that this legislation would have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agencies at their current level of funding.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed local governments to determine the fiscal impact of this Bill. Two counties reported there would be no fiscal impact and one county reported minimal costs which they could absorb.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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