

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 459**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Sheheen PRIMARY CODE CITE: 56-1-55
SUBJECT: Use of Cell Phones While Operating a Motor Vehicle

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

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 459 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 56-1-55 which would make it unlawful for a person who holds a beginner's permit or a restricted license to drive a motor vehicle while using a cellular device or text messaging device. The Bill also makes it unlawful for a person to drive through a school zone while using a cellular telephone or text messaging device when the school zone warning lights have been activated.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Public Safety indicates that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed local governments on the impact of this Bill. One county responded by indicating no fiscal impact.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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