



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 314

PRINTERS NO. 1724

PRIME SPONSOR: Tomlinson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Prohibits sending, reading, or writing a text based communication on interactive wireless communication devices for all drivers while driving a vehicle. This legislation would take effect in 120 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would add a new Section 3316 to Title 75 to prohibit text based communication on interactive wireless communication devices, such as cell phones, for all drivers while driving a vehicle. A violation occurs if the driver sends, reads, or writes a text based communication while the vehicle is in motion. A text-based communication is defined as text message, instant message, electronic mail or other written communication composed or received on an interactive wireless device.

It further makes a violation primary and establishes the fine at \$50. The bill also references Section 6101 (Applicability and Uniformity) of the Vehicle Code which relates to preemption of local ordinances and provides no exceptions for any driver or any class of driver.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse impact on Commonwealth or local funds. The State Police and local police forces currently enforce routine traffic law; therefore the remainder of this legislation will not require any additional staffing at either the state or local level.

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DATE: October 28, 2011

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.