

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB1965 |
| Version: | CS |
| Request Number: | |
| Author: | Rep. O'Donnell |
| Date: | 2/17/2015 |
| Impact: | Contingent upon amt of convictions |

Research Analysis

HB 1965 prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle while texting, emailing or using instant messaging while the vehicle is in motion. The measure establishes a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for second and subsequent offenses. The measure provides that the prohibition on the use of a device does not apply if the person is performing official duties as an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, is a person reporting an emergency or criminal activity to law enforcement, or the person is receiving messages that are related to the navigation of the vehicle, safety related information, or radio broadcasts. The bill provides that billing records for a cellular device may be admissible in any proceeding to determine if a violation occurred.

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Fiscal Analysis

Violation of provisions in HB1965 would now cost a first time offender who has been convicted and found guilty \$250.00. The current cost is \$500.00.

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Other Considerations

None.