

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2669 - HB 2618

January 17, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits reading or sending text messages with a mobile phone or a personal digital assistant while operating a motor vehicle. Creates a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine not to exceed \$50 and court costs not to exceed \$10.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$148,000
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – \$8,000
Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

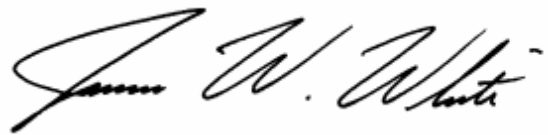
Assumptions:

- “Mobile telephone” means a cellular, analog, wireless or digital device that provides for voice communication and for data communication other than by voice.
- “Personal digital assistant” means a wireless electronic communication device that provides for data communication other than by voice.
- The state receives the fines and the county clerks receive a 5% commission in accordance with T.C.A. 55-10-303.
- According to the Department of Safety, there are approximately 4,333,000 licensed drivers in Tennessee.
- 60% of all licensed drivers (approximately 2,600,000) are estimated to own hand-held mobile telephones.
- 50% of hand-held mobile phones owned by licensed drivers in Tennessee are text capable (1,300,000).
- 10% of licensed drivers with text capable mobile phones regularly utilize text features (130,000).
- 3% of licensed drivers with text capable mobile phones who regularly utilize text features would be cited for sending or receiving text messages while driving in any given year (3,900 citations).
- The average citation plus court costs is estimated to be \$40 per violation.

- Total citation revenue is estimated to be \$156,000 (3,900 citations x \$40 = \$156,000) per year.
- The increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$8,000 ($\$156,000 \times 5\% = \$7,800$) per year.
- The increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$148,000 ($\$156,000 - \$8,000$ local share = \$148,000) per year.
- The increase to state and local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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