

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2329 - SB 2293

February 6, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits holders of learner permits, intermediate driver licenses, or restricted driver licenses from using a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of \$50. Specifies that violators will be ineligible to receive either an intermediate license for learner permit holders or an unrestricted license for intermediate and restricted license holders for 90 days from the time they would have otherwise been eligible. Provides such persons may use a mobile phone in a bona fide emergency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase State Revenues - Less than \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - There will be a delay in receiving driver license fees paid by individuals getting intermediate licenses or unrestricted licenses as eligibility for such licenses will be delayed for 90 days for violators of the provisions of the bill. This may result in a decrease in revenues for the first fiscal year from fees estimated to be less than \$10,000 that will not be collected until the next fiscal year.

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state expenditures for computer system changes.
- fewer than 2,000 convictions for the offense with revenues from fines of \$50 each.
- state receives fines in accordance with TCA 55-50-604.
- clerks receive commission on fines collected.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director