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Senate Bill No. 96

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The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES AND
HAND-HELD MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Division of State Police and
2 municipal police departments shall collect, record and report to the
3 Department of Public Safety, in a manner to be prescribed by the
4 Commissioner of Public Safety, all information regarding any violation
5 of section 14-296aa of the general statutes, that occurs in such police
6 departments' jurisdiction.

7 (b) Not later than January 16, 2008, the Commissioner of Public
8 Safety shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation a
10 report of the information required in subsection (a) of this section.
11 Such report shall contain all information collected during the 2007,
12 calendar year. A report shall be submitted on January 16, 2009,
13 containing all information collected during the 2008 calendar year, and
14 on January 16, 2010, containing all information collected during the

15 2009 calendar year.

16 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) To raise awareness of the state's hand-
17 held mobile telephone and hand-held mobile electronic devices laws,
18 the Department of Transportation may, within available
19 appropriations and at the discretion of the Commissioner of
20 Transportation, increase the amount of signage on the state's highways
21 regarding such laws.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

TRA *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal
Police Officer Std. & Training Council	GF - None	None	None
Department of Transportation	TF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund; TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

The bill requires state and local police to collect, report, and record all information regarding violations of hand-held mobile telephones and hand-held mobile electronic devices by motor vehicle operators (14-296aa). The Department of Public Safety (DPS) must submit a report to the General Assembly not later than January 16, 2008 summarizing the data collected, and the report must be submitted annually through 2010.

The bill could result in a minimal cost to DPS, associated with the set-up and integration of electronic information. Currently, DPS utilizes a computer management vendor to track the frequency of the violations issued by the state police. The potential cost arises from the need to integrate local police information into the state system.

Additionally, the bill could result in a minimal cost to local police departments due to the same effect. It is unknown how many

municipalities track violations of 14-296aa electronically, as is the amount of additional resources required to submit the relevant information to DPS in a manner compatible with the state police reporting system.

The bill also allows the Department of Transportation (DOT) to raise awareness of the law by increasing the prevalence of signage on the state's highways. There is a cost to the DOT for purchasing and installing signs informing motorists of certain laws. The cost cannot be determined at this time since it is unknown how many signs will be installed. A pair of signs, on the average, cost \$800, one for each side of the road.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above for DPS, would continue through January 16, 2010, the last required reporting date. The fiscal impact for DOT would continue into the out years as long as DOT continued to raise awareness of the law.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/14/2007)