

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB1347
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Research Analysis

SB 1347 prohibits the holding or use of a hand-held cellular telephone by the operator of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in motion. The fine is lowered from \$100 to \$5 and court costs and fees not to exceed \$95. The measure directs the court clerk to apportion the fine, costs, and fees to various entities. The measure prevents a law enforcement officer from confiscating a cellular telephone or extract information from a cellular telephone unless the officer has probable cause to believe the telephone was used in the commission of a crime or pursuant to a valid search warrant.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1347 prohibits the holding or use of a hand-held cellular telephone by a motor vehicle operator while a motor vehicle is in motion. This measure also updates the fines and fees disbursement structure in relation to a violation of this provision as well as capping court costs and fees to not exceed Ninety-five dollars (\$95.00). Per the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), a projected reduction in revenues collected of Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Two dollars (\$29,502.00) is expected per fiscal year as a result of this cap on court costs and fees. Any additional revenue generated by this measure is unknown at this time as the frequency of new violations cannot be predicted.

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Other Considerations

None.