

FISCAL NOTE

September 27, 2017

Bill No:	HB 1646	Printer's No:	2466	Sponsor:	Miller (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
Motor License Fund	\$50,000	\$0

SUMMARY: This bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) adding the definition of “vulnerable highway user” and increasing penalties for individuals convicted of “careless driving” resulting in a death, a serious injury or bodily injury of a “vulnerable highway user.”

ANALYSIS: House Bill 1646 would define “vulnerable highway user” as a pedestrian or a person on roller skates, inline skates, a skateboard, motor-driven cycle, motorcycle, pedalcycle, motorized pedalcycle, pedalcycle with electric assist, an animal, an animal drawn vehicle, a farm vehicle or wheelchair. Additionally, §1532 (relating to suspension of operating privilege) would be amended to include “careless driving” authorizing the Department of Transportation (DOT) to suspend the operating privilege of any driver for one year upon receiving a certified record of the driver’s conviction or adjudication of delinquency based on a “careless driving” offense and six months upon a conviction of causing a serious bodily injury to a “vulnerable highway user.” Section 3714 (relating to careless driving) would also be amended to establish the following monetary penalties for individuals convicted of “careless driving” resulting in death, serious bodily injury and bodily injury to a “vulnerable highway user”:

Careless Driving and Penalties for Individuals Convicted of Causing Death, Serious Bodily Injury and Bodily Injury	
Death	\$10,000
Serious Bodily Injury	\$5,000
Bodily Injury	\$1,000

This act would be effective 120 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: DOT would incur a one-time cost of \$50,000 to conduct system updates to reflect the penalties established for individuals convicted of causing death, serious bodily injury and bodily injury to a “vulnerable highway user.”