

FISCAL NOTE

April 11, 2018

Bill No:	HB 1684	Printer's No:	2261	Sponsor:	Brown (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$20,000

SUMMARY: This bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) prohibiting calls on hand-held mobile devices while operating a vehicle.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 1684 would prohibit individuals from using hand-held mobile devices while operating a motor vehicle. The bill would provide an exemption for individuals communicating with a fire or police department in an emergency situation if the vehicle is not equipped with hand-free technology. The bill would also provide exemptions for the following individuals while in the performance of their official duties within the scope of their employment:

- A law enforcement officer;
- A first responder;
- A member of the armed forces of the United States while operating a military vehicle; and
- An individual using a hand-held radio with an amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Individuals convicted of this summary offense would be assessed three points as of the date of violation and be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50. Subsequent violators would be subject to a fine of \$100.

This bill would be effective 180 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Transportation (DOT) would incur a one-time cost of \$20,000 to make changes to its driver's manual.