



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4383    Introduced on April 2, 2019  
**Author:** Toole  
**Subject:** Civil Penalty for Distracted Driving  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** April 18, 2019

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill imposes a civil penalty upon individuals who are convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation if the arresting officer observes at the time the violation occurred that the motor vehicle operator was holding in either hand a wireless electronic communication device.

The Judicial Department anticipates that any expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds from increased caseloads would be managed within existing resources.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on April 2, 2019**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill imposes a civil penalty on an individual that is convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation if the arresting officer observes at the time the moving violation occurred that the motor vehicle operator was holding in either hand a wireless electronic communication device.

**Judicial Department.** The department reports that this bill creates a new offense, and there is no data available with which to estimate the number of hearings or trials that may be initiated in magistrate or municipal court. However, the department anticipates that any expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds from increased caseloads would be managed within existing resources.

##### **State Revenue**

Because the bill creates a new civil penalty for which there is no historical data, the revenue impact on the Department of Public Safety is undetermined. Any proceeds from the new civil penalty will be used to conduct public safety awareness campaigns by the Department of Public Safety.

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

##### **Local Revenue**

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director