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L.D. 185

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 60,
L.D. 185, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Mobile Telephone When Operating a
Motor Vehicle Except in Hands-free Mode"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §2116 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in the
last line (page 2, line 12 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$250" and
inserting the following: '\$75'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §2116 in subsection 4 by striking out all of
paragraph B (page 2, lines 13 to 25 in amendment) and inserting the following:

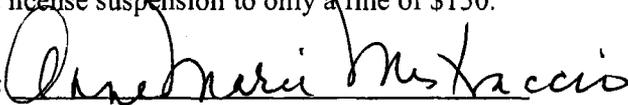
'B. A person who violates this section after previously having been adjudicated as
violating this section within a 3-year period commits a traffic infraction for which a
fine of \$150 must be adjudged.

For the purposes of this paragraph, an adjudication has occurred within a 3-year
period if the date of the new conduct is within 3 years of the date of a docket entry of
adjudication of a violation of this section.'

SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the penalty for a first offense of using a mobile telephone or
handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle from a fine of \$250 to a fine
of \$75. It also reduces the penalty for a subsequent violation within a 3-year period from
a fine of \$500 and a license suspension to only a fine of \$150.

SPONSORED BY:



(Representative MASTRACCIO)

TOWN: Sanford

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

HOUSE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 185

LR 148(06)

An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Mobile Telephone When Operating a Motor Vehicle Except in Hands-free Mode

Fiscal Note for House Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Mastraccio of Sanford

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Lowers penalties from \$250 to \$75 for first offenses and from \$500 to \$150 for subsequent offenses.

The incremental impact of reducing penalties will be a reduction of the minor General Fund revenue increase that had been expected from the bill as amended by committee A. Overall as amended here, a small net revenue increase is still expected.