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L.D. 185

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" 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.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See/attached)  


SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Senator KATZ)

COUNTY: Kennebec

SENATE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/13/15 *MRC*

# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 185

LR 148(07)

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

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'B' to Committee Amendment "A" (S-87)**

**Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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.