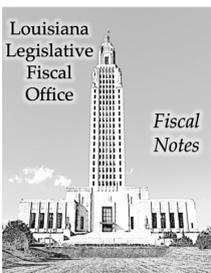


LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 309** HLS 26RS 1029

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Walking on a Crosswalk while Looking at a Cellphone	

CRIME OR SEE FISC NOTE LF RV Page 1 of 1
Provides for the crime of walking on a crosswalk while looking at a cellphone

Current law provides for the rights and obligations of pedestrians while using a crosswalk. Proposed law prohibits a pedestrian from operating a wireless telecommunications device in a marked crosswalk in a manner which requires the visual attention of the pedestrian; provides that the proposed law shall not prohibit a person from continuing a call on a wireless telecommunications device in a manner which does not require his visual attention for the entire time he is in the marked crosswalk; provides that it does not apply to a person who uses a wireless telecommunications device in a crosswalk to report a traffic collision, medical emergency, other emergency, or serious road hazard, or a situation in which the person believes that an individual is in jeopardy of serious injury or death, or to dial 911 to report a crime in progress, or view a global positioning system for purposes of pedestrian navigation; provides that those in violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined \$25.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental or Local Funds expenditures as a result of this measure. This legislation creates a misdemeanor offense punishable only by payment of a \$25 fine. Therefore, these offenders will not be sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) or to local parish jails.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local revenues to local governing authorities, to the extent that fines are collected by city courts, court clerks, or sheriffs for convictions of operating a wireless telecommunications device in a marked crosswalk in a manner which requires the visual attention of the pedestrian. The exact fiscal impact to city courts, court clerks, or sheriffs is indeterminable, because the proposed law creates new obligations (and associated penalties) for pedestrians who fail to adhere to the proposed law while using a crosswalk.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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