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DIGEST

SB 91 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

Colomb

Present law prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle upon any public road or highway of this state while using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. Present law further provides that a first violation of present law is punishable by a fine of up to \$175, and each subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Proposed law makes a first violation of present law punishable by a fine of up to \$500, and each subsequent violation punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law prohibits a person who holds a Class "E" learner's license or intermediate license under present law from operating a motor vehicle on any public road or highway of this state while using any wireless telecommunications device to engage in a call, unless the wireless telecommunications device is a hands-free wireless telephone. Present law further provides that a first violation of present law is punishable by a fine of up to \$175, and each subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Proposed law makes a first violation of present law punishable by a fine of up to \$500, and each subsequent violation punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that, except in a driver emergency, no person 17 years of age or younger can operate a motor vehicle on any public road or highway in this state while using any wireless telecommunications device to engage in a call or write, send or read a text-based communication. Present law further provides that a first violation of present law is punishable by a fine of up to \$100, and each subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$250.

Proposed law makes a first violation of present law punishable by a fine of up to \$250, and each subsequent violation punishable by a fine of up to \$500 plus suspension of one's driver license for a 60-day period. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law prohibits a person from using any wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle upon any public road or highway during the posted hours within a school zone on a public road or highway. Present law further provides that a first violation of present law is punishable by a fine of up to \$175, and each subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Proposed law makes a first violation of present law punishable by a fine of up to \$500, and each

subsequent violation punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 plus suspension of one's driver license for a 60-day period. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:300.5(C)(1) and (2), 300.6(C)(1) and (2), 300.7(E)(1)(a) and (b), and 300.8(D)(2)(a) and (b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds a sixty-day suspension of one's driver license as a penalty for any subsequent violations of the crime of using certain wireless telecommunications devices by minors or in school zones.