

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/19/2019	
The Committee on Infrastructure and Security (Simpson) recommended the following:	
Senate Amendment to Amendment (594074) (with title	
amendment)	
Delete lines 98 - 116	
and insert:	
	violates this section commits a
noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving	
violation, as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points	
	driver license as set forth in s.
<u>322.27. For a first offense t</u>	under this section, in lieu of the

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11 penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of points, a 12 person who violates this section may elect to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the Department of 13 14 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Upon completion of such program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs 15 16 may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived Any person who violates paragraph (3)(a) 17 18 commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a 19 nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318. 20 (b) The clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess 21 court costs in accordance with s. 318.18(11)(a) for a nonmoving 22 traffic infraction for a person who is cited for a first time 23 violation of this section if the inattentive or distracted 24 driving conduct resulting in the violation is for the use of a 25 personal wireless communications device and the person shows the 26 clerk proof of purchase of equipment that enables his or her 27 personal wireless communications device to be used in a hands-28 free manner Any person who commits a second or subsequent 29 violation of paragraph (3) (a) within 5 years after the date of a 30 prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (3) (a) commits a 31 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation 32 as provided in chapter 318. 33 34 35 And the title is amended as follows: Between lines 148 and 149 36 37 insert: 38 authorizing a clerk of the court to dismiss a case and 39 assess court costs under certain circumstances;