

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 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:

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(5) (4) (a) Any person who violates this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation, as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s. 322.27. For a first offense under this section, in lieu of the



penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of points, a person who violates this section may elect to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Upon completion of such program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived <del>Any person who violates paragraph (3)(a)</del> commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

(b) The clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess court costs in accordance with s. 318.18(11)(a) for a nonmoving traffic infraction for a person who is cited for a first time violation of this section if the inattentive or distracted driving conduct resulting in the violation is for the use of a personal wireless communications device and the person shows the clerk proof of purchase of equipment that enables his or her personal wireless communications device to be used in a handsfree manner Any person who commits a second or subsequent violation of paragraph (3) (a) within 5 years after the date of a prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (3)(a) commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

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Between lines 148 and 149

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> authorizing a clerk of the court to dismiss a case and assess court costs under certain circumstances;