FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0432 **Title:** Penalty for using cell phone during vehicular accident

Primary Sponsor: Raser, H **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date David Ewer, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY 2006 Difference	FY 2007 Difference
Expenditures:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	$0	$0

- ☐ Significant Local Gov. Impact
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
- ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached
- ☐ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
- ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Montana Highway Patrol records indicate that cell phones were a contributing factor in approximately 80 crashes in calendar year 2003.
2. The current fine imposed (including surcharges) is generally $85.
3. It is assumed that the judges will continue to use the $85 for first time offenders.
4. The Highway Patrol is already writing these citations under careless driving.
5. With this in mind, the only increase in revenue from these citations would fall under the second, third, or subsequent violation. The Highway Patrol cannot estimate what that fiscal impact would be since there is no tracking system that would reflect repeat offenders. The only time repeat offenders may be identified is if a violator has multiple citations filed in the same court.