

CHAPTER 114
SB 649-FN - FINAL VERSION

2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

649-FN

AN ACT

increasing fines for using a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving a motor vehicle.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Gorski, Hills. 2; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill increases fines and adds license suspension for repeat offenses involving the use of a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving, with enhanced penalties when the violation contributes to a crash.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT increasing fines for using a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving a motor vehicle.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 114:1 Use of Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving; Prohibition; Penalties. Amend RSA 265:79-c,
2 III to read as follows:

3 III. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be [~~fined \$100 plus~~
4 ~~penalty assessment for a first offense, \$250 plus penalty assessment for a second offense, and \$500 plus~~
5 ~~penalty assessment for any subsequent offense within a 24-month period.~~] ***subject to the following fines***
6 ***and penalties:***

7 (a) ***For a first offense, a fine of \$250. If the violation is a contributing cause of a motor vehicle***
8 ***crash, the fine shall be \$500.***

9 (b) ***For a second offense within 24 months of the first offense, a fine of \$500. If the violation***
10 ***is a contributing cause of a motor vehicle crash, the fine shall be \$750.***

11 (c) ***For a third or subsequent offense within 24 months of the first offense, a fine of \$750 and***
12 ***license suspension of up to 30 days. If the violation is a contributing cause of a motor vehicle crash, the***
13 ***fine shall be \$1,000 and the suspension shall be 60 days.***

14 114:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Approved: May 28, 2026
Effective Date: January 01, 2027

