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SB-1446

## AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING DOGS. AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The amendment increases the penalties for the use of hand-held electronic device while operating a vehicle from a \$200 fine to a \$350 fine for a first violation, from a \$375 fine to a \$500 fine for a second violation, and from a \$625 fine to a class C misdemeanor for subsequent violations. This results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600<sup>1</sup> each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

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<sup>1</sup> Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

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