

SB19-012

Use of Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving

Economic Analysis

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enter information on a mobile device and only illegal if the action of using the mobile device cause the driver to drive carelessly and imprudently.

In addition to changing penalties, SB19-012 reinstates mobile device use while driving as a primary offense. Although SB19-012 does not explicitly say that it is making the use of a mobile device while driving a primary offence, it is. It does so b

Currently the relaxed language regarding careless and imprudent use of mobile devices fails to assign property rights to either the surrounding drivers or law enforcement.

Colorado drivers are still driving distracted despite the laws put in place and risks associated. When drivers perform a cost benefit analysis of distracted driving, they fail to identify all costs that must be calculated. The primary costs that drivers identify are private costs, they discount societal costs of texting while driving. In an unregulated market, drivers have the right to use their mobile device in whichever way they see fit. Drivers have paid for their phone and car as well as contribute taxes which help pay for public roads. On the other hand, all drivers and pedestrians should feel as if they are protected from other drivers that are not paying attention to their surrounding which could leave said persons in a worse setting than previously through no fault of their own.



devices while driving in Colorado, the analysis shows that there is a legitimate purpose for government intervention.

SB19-012 will clear up the grey area of what constitutes distracted driving for adults by assigning what is essent

careless or imprudent manner This clause created the grey area in the first place. With the assigning of property rights to law enforcement, less of the negative externality resulting from texting and driving will occur.

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