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AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-15-42 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to equipment installed in motor vehicles; prohibiting video screens, video monitors, televisions and television receivers in view of the driver while a motor vehicle is in motion; exceptions; restrictions; conditions for use; and inapplicability of prohibition to specific devices.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17C-15-42 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.

§17C-15-42. Video screens, video monitors and television receivers in view of driver prohibited; exceptions.

1 (a) No motor vehicle may be operated on a street or
2 highway in this state when equipped with a television
3 receiver, video monitor, television or video screen unless the
4 receiver, screen or monitor is configured so that the moving
5 images are not in view of the operator while the vehicle is in
6 motion, or it falls within one or more of the categories set
7 forth in subsections (b) or (c) of this section.

8 (b) This prohibition does not apply to the following
9 equipment installed in a vehicle:

10 (1) A visual display if it does not show video or television
11 broadcast images in view of the operator while the motor
12 vehicle is in motion;

13 (2) A global positioning device;

14 (3) A mapping display;

15 (4) A visual display used to enhance or supplement the
16 driver's view forward, behind or to the sides of a motor
17 vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle;

18 (5) A visual display used to enhance or supplement a
19 driver's view of vehicle occupants; or

20 (6) Television-type receiving equipment used exclusively
21 for safety or traffic engineering information.

22 (c) A television receiver, video monitor, television or
23 video screen or other similar means of visually displaying a
24 television broadcast or video signal is not prohibited if the
25 equipment has an interlock device that, when the motor
26 vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for all uses except
27 as a visual display described in subdivisions (1) through (6)
28 of subsection (b) of this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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