

# Prohibiting Viewing Video Signals while Operating a Motor Vehicle

This Act generally prohibits driving a motor vehicle with a television capable of receiving any pre-recorded visual presentation unless the television is behind the driver's seat or not visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

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## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act may be cited as “An Act to Prohibit the Viewing of  
2 Certain Video Signals or the Placement of Certain Video Signal Receivers in Certain Places in  
3 Motor Vehicles.”  
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5           Section 2. [*Video Signals and Equipment in Motor Vehicles.*]

6           (A) Except as provided in subsection C of this section, no person shall drive a motor  
7 vehicle which is equipped with a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually  
8 receiving a television broadcast or a video signal that produces entertainment or business  
9 applications, which is located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the  
10 driver's seat, or which is visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

11           (B) Additionally, no retailer shall install a television receiver, screen or other means of  
12 receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business  
13 applications, in a motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat or at any  
14 point which would make the device visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

15           (C) This section does not apply to the following equipment when installed in a motor  
16 vehicle:

17                   (1) A vehicle information display.

18                   (2) A navigation or global positioning display.

19                   (3) A mapping display.

20                   (4) A visual display used to monitor the area immediately to the rear or sides of a  
21 motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle.

22                   (5) A television receiver, video monitor, television or video screen that produces  
23 entertainment or business applications, or any other similar means of visually displaying a  
24 television broadcast or video signal, if that equipment has a device that, when the motor vehicle  
25 is being driven, disables the equipment for all uses except as a visual display as described in (1)  
26 through (4) of this subsection C if this section.

27           (D) This section does not apply to a self-contained motor home that is in excess of  
28 [twenty-one feet] in length.  
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30           Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]  
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32           Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]  
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34           Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]