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HOUSE BILL NO. 204**FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by Delegate May
on February 1, 2006)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Marshall, R.G.)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1077 of the Code of Virginia, relating to video displays viewable to driver while driving a motor vehicle.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 46.2-1077 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-1077. Video displays not to be within view of driver while driving a motor vehicle.

A. No motor vehicle registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be equipped with, nor shall there be used therein, a television receiver forward of the driver's seat or the screen of which would otherwise be visible to the driver while driving the vehicle. The operator of a motor vehicle which is not required to be registered in Virginia shall not operate a television receiver which violates the provisions of this section while driving in the Commonwealth.

The prohibitions contained in this subsection shall not, however, include:

1. Electronic displays used in conjunction with vehicle navigation systems;
2. Closed circuit video monitors designed to operate only in conjunction with dedicated video cameras and used in rear-view systems on trucks, motor homes, and other motor vehicles; and
3. Television receivers or monitors used in government-owned vehicles by law-enforcement officers and employees of the Virginia Department of Transportation in the course of their official duties.

B. Except for displays explicitly authorized in subsection A, no driver of any motor vehicle shall view any motion picture or similar video display while driving.

A. No video display located within or on the motor vehicle shall be viewable in whole or in part to the driver of a motor vehicle from the location normally occupied by the driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

B. This section shall not apply to:

1. Video displays related to the operation, performance, navigation, or safety of the motor vehicle;
2. Video displays related to the operational control of an audio or telephony system operated in the motor vehicle; or
3. Any other video display whose use is related to the driver's responsibilities and official duties in the course of operating the motor vehicle.