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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1983

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation  
on February 1, 2005)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Howell, A.T.)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1077 of the Code of Virginia, relating to equipping of motor vehicles with television or video monitors within view of the driver.*

**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. Motor vehicles not to be equipped with television or video monitor within view of driver.

A. No motor vehicle registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be equipped with, nor shall there be used therein, a television receiver *or other video monitor* 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~~ *or other video monitor* that violates the provisions of this section while driving in the Commonwealth.

The prohibitions contained in ~~the foregoing provisions of this section~~ *subsection* shall not, however, include:

1. Electronic displays used in conjunction with vehicle navigation systems *or other visual display equipment installed as original equipment by the manufacturer*;

2. Closed circuit video monitors designed to operate only in conjunction with dedicated video cameras and used in rear-view systems on trucks and motor homes; 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. Any vehicle equipped with a television receiver or other video monitor forward of the driver's seat or the screen of which would otherwise be visible to the driver while driving the vehicle shall not be issued a Virginia motor vehicle safety inspection approval sticker or be registered in Virginia until such television receiver or other video monitor is removed or permanently disabled.*

*C. Any person in Virginia who installs any device or equips any vehicle in violation of subsection A shall be liable for the cost of removal of such unlawful equipment upon demand of the vehicle's registered owner.*

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