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HOUSE BILL NO. 454

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1077 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motor vehicles equipped with televisions and video; not within view of driver.*

Patrons—Davis, Rasoul and Villanueva

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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 within view of driver; viewing motion pictures or similar displays while driving.

A. No motor vehicle registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be equipped with, nor shall there be used therein, a television receiver when the moving images are visible to the driver while the vehicle is in motion. The operator of a motor vehicle that is not required to be registered in Virginia the Commonwealth shall not operate a television receiver that 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 and mapping systems, or as part of a digital dispatch system;
- 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;
- 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;
- 4. Visual displays used to enhance or supplement the driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle;
- 5. A vehicle information display;
- 6. A visual display used to enhance or supplement a driver's view of vehicle occupants;
- 7. Television-type receiving equipment used exclusively for safety or traffic engineering information;

or

8. A television receiver, video monitor, television or video screen, or any other similar means of visually displaying a television broadcast or signal moving image, if that equipment is factory-installed and has an interlock device that, when the motor vehicle operator is driven performing the driving task, disables the equipment for all uses except as a visual display described in subdivisions 1 through 7.

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.

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