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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for
3 television equipment.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4527 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4527. [Television] Video receiving equipment.

9 (a) General rule.--[No] Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), no person shall drive a motor vehicle [operated on a
11 highway shall be] equipped with [television-type] any image
12 display device, video receiving equipment, including a receiver,
13 a video monitor or a television or video screen capable of
14 displaying a television broadcast, or video signal that produces
15 entertainment or business applications or similar equipment,
16 which is located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of
17 the back of the driver's seat [or otherwise] or which is
18 visible, directly or indirectly, to the driver while operating

1 the motor vehicle.

2 (a.1) Installation of device prohibited.--Except as provided
3 in subsection (b), no person may install in a motor vehicle an
4 image display device intended to be visible to a driver in the
5 normal driving position when the vehicle is in motion and the
6 driver is restrained by the safety seat belt system adjusted in
7 accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

8 (b) Exception.--This section shall not apply to the
9 following:

10 (1) [Television-type receiving equipment] Image display
11 devices in a vehicle used exclusively for safety or law
12 enforcement purposes as approved by the Pennsylvania State
13 Police.

14 (2) [Electronic displays] Image display devices used in
15 conjunction with in-vehicle navigation systems[.] or to
16 display related traffic, road and weather information.

17 (3) Image display devices that provide vehicle
18 information related to the driving task or to enhance or
19 supplement the driver's view forward, behind or to the sides
20 of the vehicle or permit the driver to monitor vehicle
21 occupants behind the driver.

22 (4) Image display devices that do not display a
23 broadcast television image or a moving visual image, other
24 than text, from a digital video disk or other storage device
25 to the driver while the vehicle is in motion.

26 (5) Image display devices which display an image while a
27 vehicle is parked.

28 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "image
29 display device" means equipment displaying to the driver of the
30 motor vehicle any of the following:

1 (1) A broadcast television image.

2 (2) A moving visual image, other than text, from a
3 digital video disc or other storage device.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.