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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 17, 2015

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 § 4527. [TELEVISION EQUIPMENT] IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE. <--

5 (A) GENERAL RULE.--NO MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL BE OPERATED ON A
6 HIGHWAY [SHALL BE EQUIPPED] WITH [TELEVISION-TYPE RECEIVING
7 EQUIPMENT FORWARD OF THE BACK OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT OR OTHERWISE]
8 AN IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE WHERE A BROADCAST TELEVISION IMAGE, A
9 LIVE STREAM VIDEO IMAGE FROM THE INTERNET, SATELLITE OR ANY
10 OTHER SOURCE OR A PRERECORDED VIDEO IMAGE IS VISIBLE TO THE
11 DRIVER WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.

12 (B) EXCEPTION.--THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE
13 FOLLOWING:

14 (1) TELEVISION-TYPE RECEIVING EQUIPMENT IN A VEHICLE
15 USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SAFETY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES AS
16 APPROVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

17 (2) [ELECTRONIC DISPLAYS] IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICES USED IN
18 CONJUNCTION WITH [IN-VEHICLE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS.] ANY OF THE
19 FOLLOWING:

20 (I) A VEHICLE INFORMATION DISPLAY.

21 (II) A GLOBAL POSITIONING DEVICE.

22 (III) A MAPPING DISPLAY.

23 (IV) A VISUAL DISPLAY USED TO ENHANCE OR SUPPLEMENT
24 THE DRIVER'S VIEW FORWARD, BEHIND OR TO THE SIDES OF A
25 MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANEUVERING THE VEHICLE.

26 (V) A VISUAL DISPLAY USED TO ENHANCE OR SUPPLEMENT A
27 DRIVER'S VIEW OF VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

28 (VI) A VISUAL DISPLAY USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SAFETY OR
29 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING INFORMATION.

30 (VII) A TELEVISION RECEIVER, VIDEO MONITOR,

1 TELEVISION OR VIDEO SCREEN OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR MEANS OF
2 VISUALLY DISPLAYING A TELEVISION BROADCAST OR VIDEO
3 SIGNAL, IF THAT EQUIPMENT HAS AN INTERLOCK DEVICE THAT,
4 WHEN THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DRIVEN, DISABLES THE EQUIPMENT
5 FROM DISPLAYING A BROADCAST TELEVISION IMAGE, LIVE STREAM
6 VIDEO IMAGE FROM THE INTERNET, SATELLITE OR ANY OTHER
7 SOURCE, OR A PRERECORDED VIDEO IMAGE.

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