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HOUSE BILL NO. 387

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Authorizes the use of split-view screens in motor vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:365(A)(1), relative to equipment of motor vehicles; restricts
3 the use of a motor vehicle equipped with a television screen where certain images are
4 visible to the driver while the vehicle is in motion; restricts installation of a
5 television screen in motor vehicles where certain images are visible to the driver
6 while the vehicle is in motion; removes the requirement for a television receiver or
7 screen to be located behind the driver's seat; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 32:365(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §365. Television

11 A.(1) Except as provided in this Section, no person shall drive a motor
12 vehicle which is equipped with a television receiver, screen, or other means of
13 visually receiving a television broadcast or a video signal that produces
14 entertainment or business applications, ~~which is located in the motor vehicle at any~~
15 ~~point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is~~ where the moving images
16 are visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle is in motion. Additionally,
17 no retailer shall install a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a
18 visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business
19 applications, in a motor vehicle ~~at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat~~
20 ~~or at any point which would make the device~~ moving images visible to the driver

1 while ~~operating~~ the motor vehicle is in motion. The provisions of this Paragraph
2 shall also apply to "digital versatile disc" or "digital video disc" players which are
3 also commonly known as DVD players.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the restriction of having a television screen located only behind the driver's seat of a motor vehicle. Further restricts the visibility of a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or video from a driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

Present law prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle equipped with a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast unless it is located behind the driver's seat, or it is not visible to the driver while operating the vehicle.

Proposed law removes the restriction, which only allows for a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast to be located behind the driver's seat of a motor vehicle.

Proposed law provides that the moving images on the television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or video signal cannot be visible to the driver while the vehicle is in motion.

Present law prohibits a retailer from installing a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications unless it is located behind the driver's seat, or it is not visible to the driver while operating the vehicle.

Proposed law removes the restriction on the retailer for installation of a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications to be located behind the driver's seat.

Proposed law further prevents installation of a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications that is visible to the driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

(Amends R.S. 32:365(A)(1))