

Senate Bill 506

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Moody of the 27th, Kemp of the 46th and Hall of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 uniform rules of the road, so as to prohibit the use and installation of television receivers,
3 screens, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or a video signal that
4 produces entertainment or business applications and that is located in the motor vehicle at
5 any point forward of the back of the driver's seat or that is visible to the driver while
6 operating the motor vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules
11 of the road, is amended by adding a new Code Section 40-6-241.1 to read as follows:

12 "40-6-241.1.

13 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with a television receiver,
14 screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or a video signal that
15 produces entertainment or business applications and that is located in the motor vehicle at
16 any point forward of the back of the driver's seat or that is visible to the driver while
17 operating the motor vehicle. No retailer shall install in a motor vehicle a television
18 receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or a video
19 signal that produces entertainment or business applications and that is located in the motor
20 vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat or at any point that would make
21 the device visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

22 (b) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to the following equipment when
23 installed in a motor vehicle:

- 24 (1) A vehicle information display;
25 (2) A navigation or global positioning display;
26 (3) A mapping display;

- 1 (4) A visual display used to monitor the area immediately to the rear or sides of a motor
2 vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or
- 3 (5) A television receiver, video monitor, television, or video screen that produces
4 entertainment or business applications, or any other similar means of visually displaying
5 a television broadcast or video signal, if the equipment has a device that, when the motor
6 vehicle is being driven, disables the equipment for all uses except as a visual display as
7 described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection.
- 8 (c) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to a motor home that is in excess
9 of 21 feet in length."

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SECTION 2.

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.