

The Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee offered the following substitute to SB 506:

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 and
5 visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle; to provide for related matters; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

10 "40-6-241.1.

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

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

21 (1) A vehicle information display;

22 (2) A navigation or global positioning display;

23 (3) A mapping display;

24 (4) A visual display used to monitor the area immediately to the rear or sides of a motor
25 vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or
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1 (5) A television receiver, video monitor, television, or video screen that produces
2 entertainment or business applications, or any other similar means of visually displaying
3 a television broadcast or video signal, if the equipment has a device that, when the motor
4 vehicle is being driven, disables the equipment for all uses except as a visual display as
5 described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection.

6 (c) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to a motor home that is in excess
7 of 21 feet in length."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.