

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers 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:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "40-6-241.1.

12 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle manufactured on or after July 1, 2004, that is
13 equipped with a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a
14 television broadcast or a video signal that produces entertainment or business applications
15 and that is located in the motor vehicle and visible to the driver while operating the motor
16 vehicle. On and after July 1, 2004, no retailer shall install in a motor vehicle a television
17 receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or a video
18 signal that produces entertainment or business applications and that is located in the motor
19 vehicle at any point that would make the device visible to the driver while operating the
20 motor vehicle.

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

- 23 (1) A vehicle information display;
24 (2) A navigation or global positioning display;
25 (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 police, emergency response,
9 public works, or utility vehicles or a motor home that is in excess 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.