

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **Senate Bill No. 515**

3 (BY SENATORS COLE, CARMICHAEL, GREEN, D. HALL AND STOLLINGS)

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5 [Passed April 13, 2013; in effect ninety days from passage.]  
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10 AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-15-42 of the Code of West  
11 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to equipment installed in  
12 motor vehicles; prohibiting video screens, video monitors,  
13 televisions and television receivers in view of the driver  
14 while a motor vehicle is in motion; exceptions; restrictions;  
15 conditions for use; and inapplicability of prohibition to  
16 specific devices.

17 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

18 That §17C-15-42 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as  
19 amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 **ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.**

21 **§17C-15-42. Video screens, video monitors and television**  
22 **receivers in view of driver prohibited;**  
23 **exceptions.**

24 (a) No motor vehicle may be operated on a street or highway in  
25 this state when equipped with a television receiver, video monitor,

1 television or video screen unless the receiver, screen or monitor  
2 is configured so that the moving images are not in view of the  
3 operator while the vehicle is in motion, or it falls within one or  
4 more of the categories set forth in subsections (b) or (c) of this  
5 section.

6 (b) This prohibition does not apply to the following equipment  
7 installed in a vehicle:

8 (1) A visual display if it does not show video or television  
9 broadcast images in view of the operator while the motor vehicle is  
10 in motion;

11 (2) A global positioning device;

12 (3) A mapping display;

13 (4) A visual display used to enhance or supplement the  
14 driver's view forward, behind or to the sides of a motor vehicle  
15 for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle;

16 (5) A visual display used to enhance or supplement a driver's  
17 view of vehicle occupants; or

18 (6) Television-type receiving equipment used exclusively for  
19 safety or traffic engineering information.

20 (c) A television receiver, video monitor, television or video  
21 screen or other similar means of visually displaying a television  
22 broadcast or video signal is not prohibited if the equipment has an  
23 interlock device that, when the motor vehicle is driven, disables  
24 the equipment for all uses except as a visual display described in  
25 subdivisions (1) through (6) of subsection (b) of this section.