

1 **Senate Bill No. 515**

2 (By Senators Cole, Carmichael, Green, D. Hall and Stollings)

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4 [Introduced March 13, 2013; referred to the Committee on
5 Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on
6 the Judiciary.]
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11 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-15-42 of the Code of West
12 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to television receivers
13 and other devices installed in vehicles; restrictions;
14 conditions for use; and inapplicability of section to specific
15 devices.

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

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

19 **ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.**

20 **§17C-15-42. Television receivers in view of driver prohibited.**

21 (a) No motor vehicle ~~shall~~ may be operated on ~~any a~~ a street or
22 highway in this state when equipped with a television receiver
23 unless ~~such receiver is so placed that the screen or picture tube~~

1 ~~of such receiver is visible only in the rear seat of such motor~~
2 ~~vehicle and not in view of the operator of such motor vehicle. the~~
3 ~~receiver is configured so that the moving images are not in view of~~
4 ~~the operator while the vehicle is in motion.~~

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

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

10 (2) A global positioning device;

11 (3) A mapping display;

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

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

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

19 (7) A television receiver, video monitor, television or video
20 screen for other similar means of visually displaying a television
21 broadcast or video signal if the equipment has an interlock device
22 that, when the motor vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for
23 all uses except as a visual display described in paragraphs (1)
24 through (6) of this subsection.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish conditions for use of television receivers in vehicles and to except specific devices from application of the section.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)