

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 209
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 209 By: Wentworth

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to prohibiting a motor vehicle from being equipped with
1-11 certain video equipment and devices.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 547.611, Transportation
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 547.611. USE OF CERTAIN VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND TELEVISION
1-16 RECEIVERS [PERMITTED].

1-17 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 547.611,
1-18 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-19 (a) A motor vehicle may be equipped with video receiving
1-20 equipment, including a television [~~and similar equipment~~], a
1-21 digital video disc player, a videocassette player, or similar
1-22 equipment, only if the equipment is located so that the video
1-23 display is not visible from the operator's seat.

1-24 (c) This section does not prohibit the use of:

1-25 (1) equipment used:

1-26 (A) exclusively for receiving digital
1-27 information for commercial purposes;

1-28 (B) exclusively for a safety or law enforcement
1-29 purpose, if each installation is approved by the department; [~~or~~]

1-30 (C) in a remote television transmission truck; or

1-31 (D) exclusively for monitoring the performance
1-32 of equipment installed on a vehicle used for safety purposes in
1-33 connection with the operations of a natural gas, water, or electric
1-34 utility; or

1-35 (2) a monitoring device that:

1-36 (A) produces an electronic display; and

1-37 (B) is used exclusively in conjunction with a
1-38 mobile navigation system installed in the vehicle.

1-39 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-40 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an
1-41 offense committed on or after September 1, 2003.

1-42 (c) An offense committed before September 1, 2003, is
1-43 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
1-44 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
1-45 this section, an offense was committed before September 1, 2003, if
1-46 any element of the offense was committed before that date.

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