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H.B. No. 3394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to use of certain video equipment and television
3 receivers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 547.611, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (c) by adding (3) and (4) to read as follows:

7 (a) motor vehicle may be equipped with video receiving
8 equipment, including a television, a digital video disc player, a
9 videocassette player, or similar equipment, only if the equipment
10 is located so that the video display is not visible from the
11 operator's seat.

12 (b) A motor vehicle specially designed as a mobile unit used
13 by a licensed television station may have video receiving equipment
14 located so that the video display is visible from the operator's
15 side, but the receiver may be used only when the vehicle is stopped.

16 (c) This section does not prohibit the use of:

17 (1) equipment used:

18 (A) exclusively for receiving digital
19 information for commercial purposes;

20 (B) exclusively for a safety or law enforcement
21 purpose, if each installation is approved by the department;

22 (C) in a remote television transmission truck; or

23 (D) exclusively for monitoring the performance
24 of equipment installed on a vehicle used for safety purposes in

1 connection with the operations of a natural gas, water, or electric
2 utility; [~~or~~]

3 (2) a monitoring device that:

4 (A) produces an electronic display; and

5 (B) is used exclusively in conjunction with a
6 mobile navigation system installed in the vehicle[~~or~~] :

7 (3) a visual display used to enhance or supplement the
8 driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor vehicle
9 for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or

10 (4) a television receiver, video monitor, television
11 or video screen, or any other, similar means of visually displaying
12 a television broadcast or video signal, if that equipment has an
13 interlock device that, when the motor vehicle is driven, disables
14 the equipment for all uses except as a visual display described in
15 (3) inclusive.