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H.B. No. 3832

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain video equipment and television receivers while a motor vehicle is in motion.

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

SECTION 1. Section 547.611, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A motor vehicle may be equipped with video receiving equipment, including a television, a digital video disc player, a videocassette player, or similar equipment, only if the equipment is located so that the video display is not visible from the operator's seat unless the vehicle transmission is in park.

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

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

(1) equipment used:

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

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

(C) in a remote television transmission truck;
or

(D) exclusively for monitoring the performance

1 of equipment installed on a vehicle used for safety purposes in
2 connection with the operations of a natural gas, water, or electric
3 utility; or

4 (2) a monitoring device that:

5 (A) produces an electronic display; and

6 (B) is used exclusively in conjunction with a
7 mobile navigation system installed in the vehicle.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.