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HOUSE BILL NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Authorizes the use of splitview screens in motor vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:365(A)(1), relative to equipment of motor vehicles; restricts
3 the use or installation of a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually
4 receiving a television broadcast or video signal in a motor vehicle; removes the
5 requirement for a television receiver or screen to be located behind the driver's seat;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:365(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §365. Television

10 A.(1) Except as provided in this Section, no person shall drive a motor
11 vehicle which is equipped with a television receiver, screen, or other means of
12 visually receiving a television broadcast or a video signal that produces
13 entertainment or business applications, ~~which is located in the motor vehicle at any~~
14 ~~point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is~~ where the moving images
15 are visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle is in motion. Additionally,
16 no retailer shall install a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a
17 visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business
18 applications, in a motor vehicle ~~at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat~~
19 ~~or at any point which would make the device~~ moving images visible to the driver
20 while ~~operating~~ the motor vehicle is in motion. The provisions of this Paragraph

1 shall also apply to "digital versatile disc" or "digital video disc" players which are
2 also commonly known as DVD players.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the restriction of having a television screen located only behind the driver's seat of a motor vehicle. Further restricts the visibility of a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or video from a driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

Present law prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle equipped with a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast unless it is located behind the driver's seat or it is not visible to the driver while operating the vehicle.

Proposed law removes the restriction, which only allows for a television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast to be located behind the driver's seat of a motor vehicle.

Proposed law provides that the moving images on the television receiver, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast or video signal cannot be visible to the driver while the vehicle is in motion.

Present law prohibits a retailer from installing a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications unless it is located behind the driver's seat, or it is not visible to the driver while operating the vehicle.

Proposed law removes the restriction on the retailer for installation of a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications to be located behind the driver's seat.

Proposed law further prevents installation of a television receiver, screen, or other means of receiving a visual television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications that is visible to the driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

(Amends R.S. 32:365(A)(1))