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LLS NO. 11-0470.01 Jery Payne

SENATE BILL 11-014

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Transportation

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE USE OF A VIDEO DISPLAY WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR
102 VEHICLE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billssummaries>.)

Currently, it is illegal to have a screen that receives a television broadcast at any point forward of the driver's seat or visible to the driver. The bill allows the screen to be forward of the driver's seat so long as visual entertainment is not visible to the driver and clarifies that it is the display of video programming, not the reception of television, that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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triggers the prohibition.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 42-4-201 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **42-4-201. Obstruction of view or driving mechanism -**
5 **hazardous situation.** (3) ~~No~~ A person shall NOT drive any A motor
6 vehicle equipped with any television viewer, screen, or other means of
7 visually receiving a television broadcast which is located in the motor
8 vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat or which is A
9 VIDEO DISPLAY visible to the driver. ~~while operating the motor vehicle.~~
10 ~~The provisions of This subsection (3) shall not be interpreted to~~ DOES NOT
11 prohibit the usage of any A computer, data terminal, or other similar
12 device in a motor vehicle SO LONG AS THE COMPUTER, TERMINAL, OR
13 DEVICE IS NOT USED TO DISPLAY VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT TO THE DRIVER
14 WHILE THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.

15 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
16 effect July 1, 2011, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said
17 date.

18 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.