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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to operation of a motor vehicle with a video monitor or screen

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 24 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 39 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

24. It shall be unlawful to operate upon any public STREET, ROAD OR highway in this state a motor vehicle which is equipped with a television receiving set, OR A VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN UPON WHICH ANY MEANS OF VISUALLY DISPLAYING A TELEVISION BROADCAST OR VIDEO SIGNAL THAT PRODUCES ENTERTAINMENT OR BUSINESS APPLICATIONS MAY BE DISPLAYED, AT ANY POINT FORWARD OF THE BACK OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT, OR within view of the operator or in which a television receiving set is in operation within the view of the operator OR IN WHICH A VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN DISPLAYING ANY MEANS OF VISUALLY DISPLAYING A TELEVISION BROADCAST OR VIDEO SIGNAL THAT PRODUCES ENTERTAINMENT OR BUSINESS APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE VIEW OF THE OPERATOR. A motor vehicle shall not be deemed to be equipped with a television receiving set OR SUCH A VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN solely because such set, MONITOR OR SCREEN utilizes power from such vehicle. The provisions of this subdivision shall not prohibit a vehicle with a weight of ten thousand pounds or more or a school bus from using closed-circuit television receiving equipment exclusively for safety and maneuvering purposes, in accordance with regulations to be established by the commissioner. NO RETAILER SHALL INSTALL IN ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, ANY VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN UPON WHICH ANY MEANS OF VISUALLY DISPLAYING A TELEVISION BROADCAST OR VIDEO SIGNAL THAT PRODUCES ENTERTAINMENT OR BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AT ANY POINT FORWARD OF THE BACK OF

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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THE DRIVER'S SEAT, OR WITHIN THE VIEW OF THE OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE. FURTHERMORE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO (A) THE VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN ON ANY GLOBAL POSITIONING OR NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM, MAPPING DISPLAY OR OTHER DISPLAY UTILIZED TO ENHANCE THE EXTERIOR VIEW FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANEUVERING THE MOTOR VEHICLE, (B) ANY TELEVISION RECEIVING SET, OR VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN, IF SUCH EQUIPMENT OR MOTOR VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A DEVICE THAT DISABLES SUCH EQUIPMENT WHILE SUCH VEHICLE IS OPERATED UPON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY, (C) ANY MOBILE DIGITAL TERMINAL IN AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE, OR (D) ANY TELEVISION RECEIVING SET OR VIDEO MONITOR OR SCREEN IN A SELF-CONTAINED MOTOR HOME IN EXCESS OF TWENTY OPEN FEET IN LENGTH.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.