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By: **Delegate Eckardt**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Television-Type Receiving Equipment - Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the areas in a motor vehicle where television-type  
4 receiving equipment may be located; prohibiting the use of television-type  
5 receiving equipment in certain areas of a motor vehicle while the motor vehicle  
6 is in operation; and generally relating to restrictions on television-type  
7 receiving equipment in motor vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 22-414  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 22-414.

17 (a) A motor vehicle driven on a highway in this State may not be [equipped  
18 with television-type receiving equipment] OPERATED WHILE TELEVISION-TYPE  
19 RECEIVING EQUIPMENT IS IN USE in front of the back of the driver's seat or otherwise  
20 visible to the driver.

21 (b) This section does not prevent:

22 (1) The use of television-type receiving equipment in a vehicle  
23 exclusively for safety or law enforcement purposes, as approved by the Department of  
24 State Police;

25 (2) The use in a vehicle of equipment used exclusively for alphanumeric  
26 data and text transmission and reception; or

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2005.