

HOUSE BILL 678

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By: **Delegate Malone**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the areas in a motor vehicle where television-type
4 receiving equipment may be located; prohibiting a person from driving a motor
5 vehicle while operating television-type receiving equipment in certain areas of
6 the vehicle; providing that certain restrictions on the operation of
7 television-type receiving equipment while driving do not apply to the use of
8 certain electronic display equipment; making certain stylistic changes; and
9 generally relating to restrictions on television-type receiving equipment in
10 motor vehicles.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 22-414
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 22-414.

20 (a) A **PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE** A motor vehicle [driven] on a highway in
21 this State [may not be equipped with] **WHILE OPERATING** television-type receiving
22 equipment [in front of the back of the driver's seat or otherwise] **THAT IS** visible to the
23 driver.

24 (b) This section does not prevent **THE USE IN A VEHICLE OF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) [The use of television-type] **TELEVISION-TYPE** receiving
2 equipment [in a vehicle] exclusively for safety or law enforcement purposes, as
3 approved by the Department of State Police;

4 (2) [The use in a vehicle of equipment used] **EQUIPMENT** exclusively
5 for alphanumeric data and text transmission and reception; or

6 (3) [The use in a vehicle of electronic] **ELECTRONIC** display
7 equipment [used in]:

8 (I) **IN** conjunction with a vehicle navigation **OR MAPPING**
9 system;

10 (II) **IN CONJUNCTION WITH A WEATHER INFORMATION**
11 **SYSTEM;**

12 (III) **TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE**
13 **CONDITION OF THE VEHICLE;**

14 (IV) **TO ENHANCE THE DRIVER'S VIEW OF THE HIGHWAY; OR**

15 (V) **TO ASSIST THE DRIVER IN DETECTING OBJECTS IN THE**
16 **HIGHWAY.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2009.