
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1103

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kristiansen, Morris, and Armstrong)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of television viewers in motor vehicles;
2 and amending RCW 46.37.480.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.480 and 1996 c 34 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any
7 television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a
8 television broadcast (~~(which is located in the motor vehicle at any~~
9 ~~point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is)~~) when the
10 moving images are visible to the driver while operating the motor
11 vehicle on a public road. This subsection does not apply to law
12 enforcement vehicles communicating with mobile computer networks.

13 (2) No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a public highway
14 while wearing any headset or earphones connected to any electronic
15 device capable of receiving a radio broadcast or playing a sound
16 recording for the purpose of transmitting a sound to the human auditory
17 senses and which headset or earphones muffle or exclude other sounds.
18 This subsection does not apply to students and instructors
19 participating in a Washington state motorcycle safety program.

1 (3) This section does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles,
2 motorcyclists wearing a helmet with built-in headsets or earphones as
3 approved by the Washington state patrol, or motorists using hands-free,
4 wireless communications systems, as approved by the equipment section
5 of the Washington state patrol.

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