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By Representatives Kristiansen, Morris, and Armstrong

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 is in motion. 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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