

By: Representative Brown

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1145

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO
2 INSTALL OR OPERATE ANY TELEVISION SCREEN, VIDEO MONITOR OR SIMILAR
3 DEVICE IN ANY POSITION OR LOCATION WITHIN A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED
4 UPON A PUBLIC ROAD, STREET OR HIGHWAY IN THIS STATE WHERE IT MAY
5 BE VISIBLE TO THE DRIVER OR MAY INTERFERE WITH THE SAFE OPERATION
6 OF SUCH VEHICLE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS FROM SUCH
7 PROHIBITION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) No television screen, video monitor or other
10 device of a similar nature may be installed or used in this state
11 in any position or location in a motor vehicle where it may be
12 visible to the driver, or where it may in any other manner
13 interfere with the safe operation and control of the vehicle. It
14 is unlawful for any person to install or cause to be installed a
15 television screen, video monitor or other device of a similar
16 nature, in violation of the provisions of this section, or to
17 operate upon the public roads, streets or highways in this state,
18 or sell within this state, any motor vehicle that has a television
19 screen, video monitor or other device of a similar nature
20 installed in violation of the provisions of this section.

21 (2) The prohibitions contained in this section do not apply
22 to the following:

23 (a) Electronic displays used in conjunction with
24 vehicle navigation systems;

25 (b) Closed circuit video monitors designed to operate
26 only in conjunction with dedicated video cameras and used in
27 rear-view systems on motor vehicles;

28 (c) Television receivers or monitors used in
29 government-owned vehicles by law enforcement officers in the
30 course of their official duties; or

31 (d) Computer or other electronic displays or monitors
32 used in utility vehicles by employees of the utility in the course
33 of their official duties; however, such use is only permitted
34 while the vehicle is stopped, standing or parked. As used in this
35 paragraph (d), "utility" means any person, municipality, county,
36 board, commission, district or entity created or authorized by law
37 to provide electricity, natural gas, water, waste water services,
38 telephone service or any combination thereof, for sale to
39 consumers in any particular service area.

40 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in
41 Chapter 7 of Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972.

42 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2005.