

By: Representative Brown

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

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, 2006.