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**USE OF TV WHILE DRIVING**

**House Bill 4530**

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Committee: Transportation**

**Complete to 3-14-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4530 AS INTRODUCED 3-11-91**

The Penal Code was amended in 1951 to prohibit a person from equipping a motor vehicle with a television or similar viewing instrument for viewing by the vehicle's driver, and provides that a person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor. The bill would repeal this provision and amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to replace it with more permissive standards. Under the bill, a person could not equip a motor vehicle with a T.V. or other viewing instrument that could receive a "television broadcast for entertainment" for viewing (either actually or via reflection) by the driver. The bill would not apply to the following:

- \* A radio, heating and air conditioning controls, or other accessory controls in the vehicle;

- \* Driver, passenger, and vehicle information and navigation systems which display data on vehicle location, available routes and destinations, road layouts, weather conditions, traffic and road conditions, and vehicle conditions; or

- \* Research vehicles, if a safety test plan for the vehicle was approved by a process found under federal law governing passenger safety and the vehicle was issued a special registration plate by the secretary of state.

A person who violated the bill's provisions would be guilty of a civil infraction.

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