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Introduced by Reps. Pitoniak, DeMars, Anthony, Bouchard, McBryde, Olshove, Weeks, Kosteva and Ciaramitaro

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4530

AN ACT to amend Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 708b; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 708b to read as follows:

Sec. 708b. (1) A person shall not equip or operate a motor vehicle that is to be used upon the highways of this state with a television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television or video broadcast which can be viewed by or reflected to the driver.

(2) This section does not apply to:

(a) A radio, heating and air conditioning, or other accessory controls in the motor vehicle.

(b) Driver, passenger, and vehicle information and navigation systems displaying information pertaining to vehicle location, available routes and destinations, road layouts, weather conditions, traffic and road conditions, and vehicle conditions.

(c) Research vehicles if the test plan for the vehicle has been approved by a process meeting federal guidelines established in 45 C.F.R. part 46 for the protection of human beings and the vehicle has been issued a special registration permit by the secretary of state.

(d) A motor vehicle equipped with a video display to monitor the rear view of the vehicle if the monitor is only activated when the vehicle is motionless or in reverse gear.

(3) A visual device permitted under subsection (2)(b) shall be built into the dashboard or other control area of the vehicle and shall meet all applicable federal motor vehicle dash safety standards. This subsection shall not apply to a research vehicle described in subsection (2)(c).

(4) Upon receipt of a completed application, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, and payment of a fee of \$10.00, the secretary of state may issue a special permit authorizing a research vehicle to use the highways of this state. A copy of the authority received by the applicant under subsection (2)(c) shall be submitted as part of the application for the special permit. The special permit may be in a form as prescribed by, and shall be displayed on a research vehicle in a manner determined by, the secretary of state. The special permit shall expire upon completion of or expiration of the specific test plan approved under subsection (2)(c), whichever occurs first, and shall be immediately removed from the research vehicle and destroyed. A special permit shall not be transferred to another vehicle or person. The fee collected under this subsection shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund and used to defray the expenses of the secretary of state in administering the special permit program. In addition to a special permit, the appropriate vehicle registration plate shall be displayed on a research vehicle to use a highway of this state.

(5) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

Section 2. Section 508a of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.508a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Governor.