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Alabama Ala.Code 1975 § 32-5-219	X	X				No television viewer, screen or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast shall be located in a motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat or in any manner so that the driver of the vehicle can see it while in actual control of the vehicle. No penalty specified.
Alaska 13 AK ADC 04.260		X		X		
Arizona A.R.S. § 28-963	X	X				
Arkansas	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
California West's Ann.Cal.Vehicle Code § 27602	X	X	X	X	X	Permits television-type equipment if vehicle has an interlock device disabling the equipment when vehicle is driven for all uses except vehicle information display, navigational or visual display used to enhance driver's maneuverability.
Colorado C.R.S.A. § 42-4-201	X	X				Permits use of any computer, data terminal or other similar device in a motor vehicle.
Connecticut C.G.S.A. § 14-105	X	X	X	X*	X	*Permits a video display unit utilized for instrumentation purposes or backup assistance.
Delaware	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Florida West's F.S.A.		X		X		

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§ 316.303						
Georgia	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Hawaii	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Idaho	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Illinois 625 ILCS 5/12-604.1	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Permits use of tv-type equipment used exclusively for safety or traffic engineering studies. Such equipment shall be attached to the vehicle in a manner that meets motor vehicle dash safety standards.
Indiana IC 9-19-17-1		<b>X</b>				
Iowa	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Kansas KS LEGIS 194 (1994)	-	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		
Kentucky	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Louisiana LSA-R.S. 32:365	<b>X*</b>	<b>X*</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Permits television-type equipment if vehicle has an interlock device disabling the equipment when vehicle is driven for all uses except navigational systems or back up monitor. Permits visible display used to monitor the area immediately around a motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle. *Excludes motorhomes over 21'.

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Maine 29-A M.R.S.A. § 1921		X				
Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 22-414	X	X		X*		*Permits use of electronic display equipment used in conjunction with a vehicle navigation system. Permits use of equipment used exclusively for alphanumeric data and text transmission and reception.
Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 90 § 13	X	X				
Michigan M.C.L.A. 257.708b		X*	X**	X		Permitted devices shall be built into the dashboard or other control area of the vehicle and shall meet all applicable federal motor vehicle dash safety standards. *Prohibits viewer that can be reflected to the driver. **Permits a video display to monitor rear view of vehicle if monitor is only activated when vehicle is motionless or in reverse gear.
Minnesota M.S.A. § 169.471		X	X	X*		*Permits video screens installed as part of a vehicle control system or used in intelligent vehicle highway applications.
Mississippi	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Missouri	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Montana	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					

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Nebraska Neb.Rev.St. § 60-6,287		X				
Nevada N.R.S. 484.639		X	X	X		
New Hampshire N.H. Rev. Stat. § 266:75	X	X				
New Jersey N.J.S.A. 39:3A-1		X				
New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-7-358		X	X	X		
New York 71 375		X	X			
North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-136.1	X	X				
North Dakota	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Ohio	<b>No Provisions Found</b>					
Oklahoma 47 12-411		X	X	X		

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Oregon O.R.S. § 815.240	X	X	X	X		
Pennsylvania 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 4527	X	X		X		
Rhode Island Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-23-38		X		X		
South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-5-4440	X	X				
South Dakota SDCL § 32-15-9		X				
Tennessee T. C. A. § 55-9-105		X	X	X		Permits a television receiver, video monitor, television or video screen or any other similar means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video signal if such equipment is designed to prevent driver from viewing entertainment or business application when motor vehicle is being driven.
Texas V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.611		X*		X		*Not visible to driver unless vehicle's transmission is in park or vehicle's parking brake is applied.

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Utah U.C.A. 1953 § 41-6a-1641		X		X		
Vermont 23 V.S.A. § 1095		X	X*			*Permits use if exclusively used to provide the operator with a view to the rear of the vehicle.
Virginia Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1077	X	X	X*	X		*Visual displays used to enhance or supplement the driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor vehicle are permitted for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle.
Washington West's RCWA 46.37.480		X				
West Virginia W. Va. Code, § 17C-15-42		X*				*Permits viewer if only visible to the rear seat.
Wisconsin W.S.A. 346.89	X	X				
Wyoming W.S.1977 § 31-5-961		X		X		
District of Columbia 18 DC ADC § 735		X				

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