
SENATE BILL 6237

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By Senators Prince, Owen, Wood and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicles using wireless communications and
2 computer systems; and amending RCW 46.37.480.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.480 and 1991 c 95 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any
7 television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a
8 television broadcast which is located in the motor vehicle at any point
9 forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is visible to the
10 driver while operating the motor vehicle. This subsection does not
11 apply to law enforcement vehicles communicating with mobile computer
12 networks.

13 (2) No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a public highway
14 while wearing any headset or earphones connected to any electronic
15 device capable of receiving a radio broadcast or playing a sound
16 recording for the purpose of transmitting a sound to the human auditory
17 senses and which headset or earphones muffle or exclude other sounds.
18 This subsection does not apply to students and instructors
19 participating in a Washington state motorcycle safety program.

1 (3) This section does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles
2 (~~or to~~), motorcyclists wearing a helmet with built-in headsets or
3 earphones as approved by the Washington state patrol, or motorists
4 using hands-free, wireless communications systems.

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