
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WINDSHIELD TINTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that darker tints on car
2 windows have a measurable impact on reducing heat trapped in a
3 car's interior. The legislature additionally finds that the
4 current light transmittance limit of thirty-five per cent for
5 glazing on car windows is inadequate to address the increased
6 temperatures caused by climate change.

7 The purpose of this Act is to lower the minimum light
8 transmittance levels permitted on car window glazing materials
9 from thirty-five per cent to twenty per cent.

10 SECTION 2. Section 291-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

12 "(d) This section shall not apply to:

13 (1) Rearview mirrors;

14 (2) Adjustable nontransparent sun visors ~~[which]~~ that are
15 mounted forward of the side windows and are not
16 attached to the glazing material;



1 (3) Signs, stickers, or other materials [~~which~~] that are
2 displayed in a seven-inch square in the lower corner
3 of the windshield farthest removed from the driver or
4 signs, stickers, or other materials [~~which~~] that are
5 displayed in a five-inch square in the lower corner of
6 the windshield nearest the driver;

7 (4) Rear trunk lid handle or hinges;

8 (5) Window wipers and window wiper motors;

9 (6) Transparent sun screening film materials [~~which~~] that
10 are installed, affixed, or applied along the top edge
11 of the windshield so long as [~~such~~] the materials do
12 not encroach upon the AS-1 portion of the windshield
13 as provided by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard
14 205 or no lower than four inches below the top of the
15 windshield, when measured from the middle point of the
16 bottom edge of the top windshield moulding if no AS-1
17 markings can be found in the left or right upper
18 margin of the windshield;

19 (7) Sun screening devices for front side wing vents and
20 windows [~~which~~] that, when used in conjunction with
21 the glazing material, have a light transmittance of no



1 less than [~~thirty-five~~] twenty per cent plus or minus
2 six per cent;

3 (8) Sun screening devices for side windows necessary for
4 driving visibility [~~which~~] that are to the rear of the
5 driver and for rear windows necessary for driving
6 visibility [~~which,~~] that, when used in conjunction
7 with the glazing material, have a light transmittance
8 of no less than [~~thirty-five~~] twenty per cent plus or
9 minus six per cent;

10 (9) Side windows [~~which~~] that are to the rear of the
11 driver and rear windows on vans, minivans, trucks, or
12 buses; provided that the vehicles are equipped with
13 rearview mirrors on both sides;

14 (10) Privacy drapes, curtains, or blinds, or any
15 combination, installed on the interior of motor homes;
16 or

17 (11) Transparent sun screening materials, when applied to
18 the AS-1 portion of the windshield, [~~which-meets~~] that
19 meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
20 Standard 205."

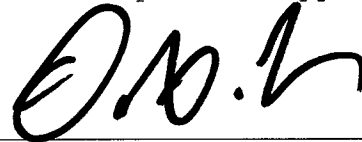


1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Window Glazing; Levels

Description:

Lowers the level of light transmittance allowed on sun screening glazing on motor vehicle windows from thirty-five per cent to twenty per cent.

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