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An Act

HOUSE BILL 11-1251

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also SENATOR(S) Tochtrop, King S., Williams S.

CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE RESTRICTIONS ON WINDOW TINTING
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 42-4-227 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-4-227. Windows unobstructed - certain materials prohibited - windshield wiper requirements. (1) (a) (I) Except as OTHERWISE provided in this paragraph (a), no person shall operate ~~any~~ A motor vehicle registered in Colorado on which any window, except the windshield, is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component ~~which~~ THAT presents an opaque, nontransparent, or metallic or mirrored appearance in such a way that it allows less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance. The windshield shall allow AT LEAST seventy percent light transmittance.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(II) ~~The provisions of this~~ NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS paragraph (a), ~~shall not apply to the windows to the rear of the driver, including the rear window, on any motor vehicle; however, if such windows~~ MAY allow less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance ~~then~~ IF the front side windows and the windshield on such vehicles ~~shall~~ allow AT LEAST seventy percent light transmittance.

(III) A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE MAY HAVE ITS WINDOWS, EXCEPT THE WINDSHIELD, TREATED IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO ALLOW LESS THAN TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT LIGHT TRANSMITTANCE ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A VALID LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE. A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE WITH SUCH WINDOW TREATMENT SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, INCLUDING OPERATIONS CONCERNING ANY OFFENSE IN ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III), "LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE OWNED OR LEASED BY A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THE TREATMENT OF THE WINDSHIELD OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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