

VEHICLE WINDOW TINT AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David G. Butterfield

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to vehicle window tint.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ decreases the minimum light transmittance for a front side window from 43% to 28%.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-1635, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 26 and renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1635** is amended to read:

41-6a-1635. Windshields and windows -- Tinting -- Obstructions reducing visibility -- Wipers -- Prohibitions.



28 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), a person may not operate a motor
29 vehicle with:

- 30 (a) a windshield that allows less than 70% light transmittance;
- 31 (b) a front side window that allows less than [~~43%~~] 28% light transmittance;
- 32 (c) any windshield or window that is composed of, covered by, or treated with any
33 material or component that presents a metallic or mirrored appearance; or
- 34 (d) any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material on the windshield or side
35 windows of the motor vehicle except:

- 36 (i) a certificate or other paper required to be so displayed by law; or
- 37 (ii) the vehicle's identification number displayed or etched in accordance with rules
38 made by the department under Section 41-6a-1601.

39 (2) Nontransparent materials may be used:

40 (a) along the top edge of the windshield if the materials do not extend downward more
41 than four inches from the top edge of the windshield or beyond the AS-1 line whichever is
42 lowest;

43 (b) in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield provided they do not extend more
44 than three inches to the right of the left edge or more than four inches above the bottom edge of
45 the windshield; or

46 (c) on the rear windows including rear side windows located behind the vehicle
47 operator.

48 (3) A windshield or other window is considered to comply with the requirements of
49 Subsection (1) if the windshield or other window meets the federal statutes and regulations for
50 motor vehicle window composition, covering, light transmittance, and treatment.

51 (4) Except for material used on the windshield in compliance with Subsections (2)(a)
52 and (b), a motor vehicle with tinting or nontransparent material on any window shall be
53 equipped with rear-view mirrors mounted on the left side and on the right side of the motor
54 vehicle to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the motor vehicle.

55 (5) (a) (i) The windshield on a motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for
56 cleaning rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield.

57 (ii) The device shall be constructed to be operated by the operator of the motor vehicle.

58 (b) A windshield wiper on a motor vehicle shall be maintained in good working order.

59 (6) A person may not have for sale, sell, offer for sale, install, cover, or treat a
60 windshield or window in violation of this section.

61 (7) Notwithstanding this section, any person subject to the federal Motor Vehicle
62 Safety Standards, including motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, dealers, importers, and
63 repair businesses, shall comply with the federal standards on motor vehicle window tinting.

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