An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FREDERICKS of Sanford, SAYRE of Kennebunk.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1.  29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

B. A front windshield is composed of, covered by or treated with a material that reduces the light transmittance through the window more of less than the original installation window or an original replacement window 75% net of glass and material; or

Sec. 2.  29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2007, c. 186, §1, is further amended to read:

C. A side window or rear window is composed of, covered by or treated with a material that allows a light transmittance of less than 35% 20% net of glass and material; or

Sec. 3.  29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 4.  29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2009, c. 251, §6, is further amended to read:

B. The provisions of subsection 1, paragraphs C and D do not apply to side windows behind the operator's seat or the rear window of a motor vehicle, as long as the vehicle is equipped with 2 outside rear view mirrors, one on each side, adjusted so that the operator has a clear view of the highway behind the vehicle.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the provisions of law governing the use of tinted windows in motor vehicles by allowing the use of a tinted front windshield that allows a light transmittance of not less than 75% net of glass and material and the use of side or rear tinted windows that allow a light transmittance of not less than 20% net of glass and material. The bill also repeals the provision of law that requires that front and side vehicle windows contain 2-way glass that provides the occupants with a clear view of the road and a person outside the vehicle with a clear view of the occupants and the interior of the vehicle.