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No. 1508

H.P. 992

House of Representatives, April 8, 2025

An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Tinted Windows in Motor Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, MONTELL of Gardiner.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 186, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Motor vehicles for which the Chief of the State Police has granted an exception because the health of the owner or a person who usually occupies the vehicle is adversely affected by sunlight. The Chief of the State Police ~~may~~ shall, upon proper application, provide the owner of a motor vehicle with a certificate of exemption that must be displayed upon the request of a law enforcement officer. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the following terms have the following meanings.

(a) "Certified nurse practitioner" means a registered professional nurse licensed under Title 32, chapter 31 who has received postgraduate education designed to prepare the nurse for advanced practice registered nursing in a clinical specialty in nursing that has a defined scope of practice and who has been certified in the clinical specialty by a national certifying organization acceptable to the State Board of Nursing.

(b) "Medical provider" means an optometrist, a physician, a physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner.

(c) "Optometrist" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 19101, subsection 20.

(d) "Physician" means an individual licensed as an osteopathic physician by the Board of Osteopathic Licensure pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or an individual licensed as a physician or surgeon by the Board of Licensure in Medicine pursuant to Title 32, chapter 48.

(e) "Physician assistant" means an individual licensed as a physician assistant by the Board of Osteopathic Licensure pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or an individual licensed as a physician assistant by the Board of Licensure in Medicine pursuant to Title 32, chapter 48.

(f) "Proper application" means an application that includes a written request signed by a medical provider.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Chief of the State Police to provide the owner of a motor vehicle with a certificate of exemption from the laws prohibiting reflective or tinted windows upon written request signed by a medical provider.