

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 242

House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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An Act Related to Window Film Applied to Motor Vehicles.

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

3 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1370, first ¶, is amended to read:

5 No person shall may drive any motor vehicle with any sign,  
7 poster or other nontransparent material upon the front  
9 windshield, side wings or side or rear windows of such vehicle  
11 which obstructs the driver's clear view of the highway or any  
13 intersecting highway. An owner of a motor vehicle may install or  
15 have installed to any side or rear window in that vehicle two-way  
window film that transmits not less than 35% visible light, and to  
any front window or front windshield two-way window film that  
transmits not less than 20% visible light. Two-way window film  
may be installed on a front window or front windshield no farther  
than 4½ inches from the top edge of that window.

17 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2504, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1985, c. 685,  
19 §8, is further amended to read:

21 2. Altered vehicles. No person may operate any vehicle  
23 required to be registered in this State upon any highway or  
25 street and no vehicle may receive a certificate of inspection, as  
27 required by this chapter, if that vehicle has a frame end height  
29 of less than 10 inches or a height in excess of the maximum as  
31 set by this subsection. Maximum frame end height shall be based  
33 on the manufacturers' gross vehicle weight rating. Measurements  
35 shall be taken from a level surface to the lowermost point on the  
37 frame end. No vehicle may be modified to cause the vehicle body  
39 or chassis to come into contact with the ground, expose the fuel  
tank to damage from collision or cause the wheels to come in  
contact with the body under normal operation nor may any part of  
the original suspension system be disconnected. Nothing in this  
section prevents the installation of heavy duty equipment to  
include shock absorbers and overload springs or prevents a person  
from operating a motor vehicle on a public way with normal wear  
of the suspension system if normal wear does not affect the  
control of the vehicle. This section does not apply to motor  
vehicles that are being lawfully towed on the highways of this  
State. Maximum frame end heights are as follows:

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	FRONT	REAR
43 Automobile	22 inches	22 inches
45 Vehicles 4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24 inches	26 inches
47 Vehicles 4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs. GVWR	27 inches	29 inches
49 Vehicles 7,501 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. GVWR	28 inches	30 inches

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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13 This bill allows the use of certain two-way window films on motor vehicles.