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House of Representatives, March 19, 2007

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Automotive Reflective and Tinted Glass

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BERUBE of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford, Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CARTER of Bethel, CHASE of Wells, CRAVEN of
Lewiston, MUSE of Fryeburg, PINEAU of Jay.

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

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

4 C. A side window or rear window is composed of, covered by or treated with a
5 material that ~~has~~ allows a light transmittance of less than ~~50%~~ 35% net of glass and
6 material; or

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

9 A. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to:

10 (1) A certificate or other paper required or allowed by law to be displayed, which
11 must be removable;

12 (2) The label attached to a window showing the price, estimated mileage and
13 other federally mandated information commonly known as the manufacturer's
14 suggested retail price label, which must be removable;

15 (3) Sun-screening or window-tinting material along a ~~4 inch strip at the AS-1~~
16 line. For the purposes of this paragraph, "AS-1 line" means a parallel line 5
17 inches from the top of the windshield; or

18 (4) Motor vehicles for which the Chief of the State Police has granted an
19 exception because the health of the owner or a person who usually occupies the
20 vehicle is adversely affected by sunlight. The Chief of the State Police may,
21 upon proper application, provide the owner of a motor vehicle with a certificate
22 of exemption that must be displayed upon the request of a law enforcement
23 officer.

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SUMMARY

25 This bill amends the law concerning automotive reflective and tinted glass by
26 lowering the minimum standards for the percentage of light that must be transmitted
27 through a side window or a rear window from 50% to 35% net of glass and material. The
28 bill expands by 1 inch the sun-screening or tinting material allowed at the top of a
29 windshield.