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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FREDERICKS of Sanford, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

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

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

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

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

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 B, §5, is repealed.

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

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

20 **SUMMARY**

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