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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-423

SUMMARY

This bill makes the following changes to the motor vehicle laws.

1. The bill repeals Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, §119-A and §2502, sub-§4-A. These sections involving altered vehicles would have otherwise become effective March 1, 1991.
2. The bill allows the Chief of the State Police to exempt motor vehicles from the prohibitions against window tinting when the owner shows that the owner's or another person's health is adversely affected by sunlight.
3. The bill exempts the original installation or replacement side windows behind the driver's seat and rear windows of multipurpose vehicles from the window-tinting prohibitions provided they are in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Standard 205.
4. The bill clarifies that the owner or operator of a motor vehicle with tinted windows has to obtain a certificate of compliance only when the windows are replacement windows or have been covered by or treated with window-tinting material.
5. The bill repeals a transition section of the window-tinting law, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, §1369-A, sub-§4, and the compliance requirement for multipurpose vehicles.
6. The bill deletes Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, §1369-A, sub-§8, a warning provision that was no longer effective as of March 1, 1990.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-423) revises the language of the bill to make it clear that the owner of a motor vehicle with a tinted windshield as original equipment does not need to get a light transmittance certificate when replacing the tinted windshield with another similarly tinted windshield.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-460

SUMMARY

This bill allows a new car dealer to apply for and receive special initial dealer plates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-460) adds an effective date section and a fiscal note to the bill. The effective date of January 1, 1992 makes the term of new car dealer vanity plates consistent with other plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.