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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transparency of motor vehicle windshields
2 and windows.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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TRANSPORTATION

1 Section 1. Section 321.438, subsection 2, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. A person shall not operate on the highway a motor
4 vehicle equipped with a front windshield, a side window to the
5 immediate right or left of the driver, or a side-wing forward
6 of and to the left or right of the driver which is excessively
7 dark or reflective so that it is difficult for a person
8 outside the motor vehicle to see into the motor vehicle
9 through the windshield, window, or sidewing, unless the person
10 requires dark windows for medical reasons and has been
11 exempted pursuant to rules adopted by the department. The
12 ~~department shall adopt rules establishing a minimum measurable~~
13 ~~standard of transparency which shall apply to violations of~~
14 ~~this subsection.~~ For purposes of this subsection,
15 "excessively dark or reflective" means that the level of light
16 transmittance is less than eighty percent.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill amends Code section 321.438 to require that the
19 windshield, front side windows, and front sidewings of a motor
20 vehicle have a light transmittance level of at least 80
21 percent. A motor vehicle operator who violates this
22 requirement is subject to a scheduled fine of \$15. A person
23 may be exempted from the requirement for medical reasons
24 pursuant to rules adopted by the state department of
25 transportation. Currently, the minimum measurable standard of
26 transparency of 70 percent and the requirements for a medical
27 exemption are established by administrative rule as required
28 by Code section 321.438.

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