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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to window transparency requirements for antique  
2 motor vehicles used for limited purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.438, subsection 2, Code 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", a person  
4 shall not operate on the highway a motor vehicle equipped  
5 with a front windshield, a side window to the immediate right  
6 or left of the driver, or a ~~side-wing~~ sidewing forward of  
7 and to the left or right of the driver which is excessively  
8 dark or reflective so that it is difficult for a person  
9 outside the motor vehicle to see into the motor vehicle  
10 through the windshield, window, or sidewing. The department  
11 shall adopt rules establishing a minimum measurable standard  
12 of transparency which shall apply to violations of this  
13 subsection.

14 b. Upon application by the owner of the motor vehicle, and  
15 subject to the approval of the department, the requirements of  
16 paragraph "a" shall not apply for a motor vehicle registered  
17 as an antique vehicle and used exclusively for exhibition  
18 or educational purposes at state or county fairs, in local  
19 parades, or at other places where the motor vehicle may be  
20 exhibited for entertainment or educational purposes. An  
21 exemption granted pursuant to this paragraph shall permit  
22 driving of the vehicle upon the public roads to and from  
23 state and county fairs, local parades, or other places of  
24 entertainment or education for exhibition or educational  
25 purposes and to and from service stations for the purpose of  
26 receiving necessary maintenance.

27 EXPLANATION

28 Current law prohibits a person from operating a motor  
29 vehicle whose front windshield, front side windows, or front  
30 sidewings to the left or right of the driver are excessively  
31 dark or reflective so that it is difficult for a person to see  
32 into the motor vehicle. The department of transportation has  
33 established by rule a minimum standard of transparency of 70  
34 percent light transmittance.

35 This bill allows the department to exempt certain antique

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1 motor vehicles used exclusively for exhibition or educational  
2 purposes from the window transparency requirements. The bill  
3 requires the owner of an antique motor vehicle to submit an  
4 application for an exemption, which is subject to the approval  
5 of the department. The exemption would apply for antique motor  
6 vehicles exhibited at state or county fairs, in local parades,  
7 or at other places for entertainment or educational purposes.  
8 The exemption would also apply when the vehicle is being driven  
9 to and from those places and events, and to and from service  
10 stations.