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BY WULF

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle window tint, and making
2 penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.438, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. 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 sidewing 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 outside~~
8 ~~the motor vehicle to see into the motor vehicle through the~~
9 ~~windshield, window, or sidewing~~ that meets a minimum standard
10 of transparency of less than twenty-five percent light
11 transmittance.

12 ~~a. The department shall adopt rules establishing a minimum~~
13 ~~measurable standard of transparency which shall apply to~~
14 ~~violations of this subsection.~~

15 b. This subsection does not apply to a person who operates
16 a motor vehicle owned or leased by a federal, state, or local
17 law enforcement agency if the operation is part of the person's
18 official duties.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 Under current law, a person is prohibited from operating
23 a motor vehicle equipped with a front windshield, a side
24 window to the immediate right or left of the driver, or a
25 sidewing forward of and to the left or right of the driver
26 (window) which is excessively dark or reflective so that it is
27 difficult for a person outside the motor vehicle to see into
28 the motor vehicle through the window. Under rules adopted
29 by the department of transportation (DOT) (761 IAC 450.7),
30 "excessively dark or reflective" means the window does not
31 meet a minimum standard of transparency of 70 percent light
32 transmittance. However, the requirement does not apply to
33 a person who operates a motor vehicle owned or leased by
34 a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency if the
35 operation is part of the person's official duties.

1 This bill strikes the authority of the DOT to adopt rules
2 establishing a minimum measurable standard of transparency
3 and instead prohibits a person from operating on the highway
4 a motor vehicle equipped with a window that meets a minimum
5 standard of transparency of less than 25 percent light
6 transmittance.

7 A violation of Code section 321.438 is punishable by a
8 scheduled fine of \$70.