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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:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.438, subsection 2, Code 2026, 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 any of the following:

5 (1) A front windshield that meets a minimum standard of
6 transparency of less than seventy percent light transmittance.

7 (2) A side window to the immediate right or left of the
8 driver, or a sidewing forward of and to the left or right of
9 the driver ~~which is excessively dark or reflective so that it~~
10 ~~is difficult for a person outside the motor vehicle to see into~~
11 ~~the motor vehicle through the windshield, window, or sidewing,~~
12 that meets a minimum standard of transparency of less than fifty
13 percent light transmittance.

14 (3) A side or rear window other than as described in
15 subparagraph (2) that meets a minimum standard of transparency of
16 less than thirty-five percent light transmittance.

17 ~~a. The department shall adopt rules establishing a minimum~~
18 ~~measurable standard of transparency which shall apply to~~
19 ~~violations of this subsection.~~

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

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 Under current law, a person is prohibited from operating a
28 motor vehicle equipped with a front windshield, a side window to
29 the immediate right or left of the driver, or a sidewing forward
30 of and to the left or right of the driver which is excessively
31 dark or reflective so that it is difficult for a person outside
32 the motor vehicle to see into the motor vehicle through the
33 window. Under rules adopted by the department of transportation
34 (DOT) (761 IAC 450.5), "excessively dark or reflective" means
35 the window does not meet a minimum standard of transparency of

1 70 percent light transmittance. However, the requirement does
2 not apply to a person who operates a motor vehicle owned or
3 leased by a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency if
4 the operation is part of the person's official duties.

5 This bill strikes the authority of the DOT to adopt rules
6 establishing a minimum measurable standard of transparency and
7 instead prohibits a person from operating on the highway a
8 motor vehicle equipped with a front windshield that meets
9 a minimum standard of transparency of less than 70 percent
10 light transmittance, a side window or sidewing immediately
11 beside or forward of the driver, as applicable, that meets a
12 minimum standard of transparency of less than 50 percent light
13 transmittance, and a side or rear window other than a side window
14 or sidewing immediately beside or forward of the driver to meet
15 a minimum standard of transparency of at least 35 percent light
16 transmittance. Under current law, the light transmittance of
17 such other windows is not regulated.

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