

**House File 766 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 206)

**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 2025, 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 ~~a.~~ ~~The department shall adopt rules establishing a minimum~~  
15 ~~measurable standard of transparency which shall apply to~~  
16 ~~violations of this subsection.~~

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

21 EXPLANATION

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

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

1 the operation is part of the person's official duties.

2 This bill strikes the authority of the DOT to adopt rules  
3 establishing a minimum measurable standard of transparency and  
4 instead prohibits a person from operating on the highway a  
5 motor vehicle equipped with a front windshield that meets  
6 a minimum standard of transparency of less than 70 percent  
7 light transmittance or a side window or sidewing immediately  
8 beside or forward of the driver, as applicable, that meets a  
9 minimum standard of transparency of less than 50 percent light  
10 transmittance.

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

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