

**Senate Study Bill 1019 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON ZUMBACH)

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

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1 This bill strikes the authority of the DOT to adopt rules  
2 establishing a minimum measurable standard of transparency and  
3 instead prohibits a person from operating on the highway a motor  
4 vehicle equipped with a window that meets a minimum standard of  
5 transparency of less than 35 percent light transmittance.  
6 A violation of Code section 321.438 is punishable by a  
7 scheduled fine of \$70.

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