

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 51(TRA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/5/09
Referred: Judiciary

Sponsor(s): SENATOR FRENCH

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the installation of window tinting in automobiles."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to read:

4 **Sec. 28.35.271. Installation of window tinting.** (a) A person commits the
5 offense of improper installation of window tinting if the person in this state installs
6 window tinting on a motor vehicle

7 (1) on the front windshield of the vehicle; notwithstanding this
8 paragraph, a person may install a strip of tinting material that is applied to the top edge
9 of the windshield that does not extend downward more than five inches from the top
10 of the glass;

11 (2) on the driver and front passenger side windows that does not allow
12 at least 70 percent light transmittance;

13 (3) on the rear door windows, quarter glasses, and back glasses that
14 does not allow at least 40 percent light transmittance;

15 (4) that is not green, gray, bronze, or neutral smoke in color, or a

1 nonmirrored sun reflective auto film; or

2 (5) for compensation and does not install a window tint hologram that
3 identifies the installer and certifies that the window tinting complies with this section.

4 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person may install window tinting
5 that varies from the requirements of this section in

6 (1) limousines and passenger buses used to transport persons for hire,
7 motor homes, and vehicles identified by the vehicle manufacturer as multipurpose if
8 the tinting material complies with standards set by the department in regulation;

9 (2) the windows of a vehicle that permits less light transmittance than
10 that specified in (a) of this section if a driver or a passenger who frequently travels in
11 the vehicle is required for medical reasons to be shielded from the direct rays of the
12 sun if

13 (A) the medical reasons are certified by a physician licensed to
14 practice in this state and provided to the installer at the time of installation;

15 (B) the medical reasons are recertified annually by a physician
16 licensed to practice in this state; and

17 (C) the certification is carried in the vehicle; and

18 (3) law enforcement vehicles.

19 (c) In this section, "light transmittance" means the ratio, expressed as a
20 percentage, of the amount of total light that is allowed to pass through a window,
21 including glazing, to the amount of total light falling on the window.

22 (d) Improper installation of window tinting is an infraction.