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STATE OF COLORADO

**REENGROSSED**

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Adopted in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 11-0775.02 Chuck Brackney

**HOUSE BILL 11-1251**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE RESTRICTIONS ON WINDOW**  
102 **TINTING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill exempts certain public safety vehicles from the restrictions on vehicle window tinting.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 30, 2011

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 29, 2011

1           **SECTION 1.** 42-4-227 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           **42-4-227. Windows unobstructed - certain materials**  
4 **prohibited - windshield wiper requirements.** (1) (a) (I) Except as  
5 OTHERWISE provided in this paragraph (a), no person shall operate any A  
6 motor vehicle registered in Colorado on which any window, except the  
7 windshield, is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or  
8 component ~~which~~ THAT presents an opaque, nontransparent, or metallic  
9 or mirrored appearance in such a way that it allows less than twenty-seven  
10 percent light transmittance. The windshield shall allow ATLEAST seventy  
11 percent light transmittance.

12           (II) ~~The provisions of this~~ NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I)  
13 OF THIS paragraph (a), ~~shall not apply to~~ the windows to the rear of the  
14 driver, including the rear window, ~~on any motor vehicle; however, if such~~  
15 ~~windows~~ MAY allow less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance  
16 ~~then~~ IF the front side windows and the windshield on such vehicles shall  
17 allow AT LEAST seventy percent light transmittance.

18           (III) A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE MAY HAVE ITS WINDOWS,  
19 EXCEPT THE WINDSHIELD, TREATED IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO ALLOW  
20 LESS THAN TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT LIGHT TRANSMITTANCE ONLY FOR  
21 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A VALID LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE. A LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE WITH SUCH WINDOW TREATMENT SHALL NOT BE  
23 USED FOR ANY TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, INCLUDING  
24 OPERATIONS CONCERNING ANY OFFENSE IN ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE. FOR  
25 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III), "LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE"  
26 MEANS A VEHICLE OWNED OR LEASED BY A STATE OR LOCAL LAW  
27 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THE TREATMENT OF THE WINDSHIELD OF A LAW

1 ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS DESCRIBED IN  
2 PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

3           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.