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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.

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.

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.

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unam ended  
April 18, 2011

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
March 30, 2011

HOUSE  
Am ended 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.