

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing prohibition of sun screening
3 materials on vehicle windows.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4524(e) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4524. Windshield obstructions and wipers.

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10 (e) Sun screening and other materials prohibited.--

11 (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sun
12 screening device or other material which does not permit a
13 person to see or view the inside of the vehicle through the
14 windshield, side wing or side window of the vehicle.

15 (2) This subsection does not apply to:

16 (i) A vehicle which is equipped with tinted windows
17 of the type and specification that were installed by the
18 manufacturer of the vehicle or to any hearse, ambulance,

1 government vehicle or any other vehicle for which a
2 currently valid certificate of exemption has been issued
3 in accordance with regulations adopted by the department.

4 (ii) A vehicle which is equipped with tinted
5 windows, sun screening devices or other materials which
6 comply with all applicable Federal regulations and for
7 which a currently valid certificate of exemption for
8 medical reasons has been issued in accordance with
9 regulations adopted by the department.

10 (iii) A vehicle which is equipped with window
11 tinting that, in conjunction with standard factory window
12 tinting, reduces the amount of exterior light transmitted
13 to the interior of a vehicle by 50% and for which a
14 currently valid certificate of exemption for medical
15 reasons has been issued in accordance with regulations
16 adopted by the department.

17 (3) A certificate of exemption shall be issued by the
18 department for a vehicle which is:

19 (i) Registered in this Commonwealth on the effective
20 date of this subsection and is equipped with a sun
21 screening device or other material prohibited under
22 paragraph (1) on the effective date.

23 (ii) Equipped with tinted windows, sun screening
24 devices or other materials for a physical condition that
25 makes it necessary to equip the motor vehicle with sun
26 screening material which would be of a light
27 transmittance or luminous reflectance in violation of
28 this section.

29 (A) A certificate of exemption for medical
30 reasons shall be issued only if the owner or

1 registrant of the vehicle, or a person residing in
2 the household of the owner or registrant who
3 regularly drives or is driven in the vehicle, suffers
4 from a physical condition determined by the
5 department, in consultation with the Medical Advisory
6 Board, to justify the exemption.

7 (B) Any person requesting an exemption for
8 medical reasons shall have his physical condition
9 certified to the department by a licensed physician
10 or optometrist.

11 (4) A certificate of exemption issued under this
12 subsection shall be carried in the vehicle and displayed on
13 request of a police officer.

14 (5) Upon the sale or transfer of the vehicle to any
15 person who does not qualify under paragraph (2)(ii), the
16 exemption shall be null and void. Prior to the sale or
17 transfer of an exempt vehicle, it shall be the sole
18 responsibility of the owner or seller of a formerly exempt
19 vehicle to remove all sun screening or other materials from
20 the vehicle. At the time of the sale or transfer of a
21 formerly exempt vehicle, the owner shall remove and destroy
22 the certificate of exemption for physical reasons and provide
23 the purchaser with a notarized statement setting forth the
24 name and address of the owner or seller, the vehicle
25 identification number, year and model, and the business
26 entity and process used to remove the sun screening or other
27 material.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.