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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 14, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for windshield obstructions and
3 wipers.

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

12 (i) Registered in this Commonwealth on the effective
13 date of this subsection and is equipped with a sun
14 screening device or other material prohibited under
15 paragraph (1) on the effective date.

16 (ii) Equipped with tinted windows, sun screening
17 devices or other materials for a physical condition that
18 makes it necessary to equip the motor vehicle with sun
19 screening material which would be of a light
20 transmittance or luminous reflectance in violation of
21 this section.

22 (A) A certificate of exemption for medical
23 reasons shall be issued only if the owner or
24 registrant of the vehicle, or a person residing in
25 the household of the owner or registrant who
26 regularly drives or is driven in the vehicle, suffers
27 from a physical condition determined by the
28 department, in consultation with the Medical Advisory
29 Board, to justify the exemption.

30 (B) Any person requesting an exemption for

1 medical reasons shall have his physical condition
2 certified to the department by a licensed physician
3 or optometrist.

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

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

21 (6) Prior to the sale or transfer of any nonexempt
22 vehicle, the seller shall remove or have removed any sun
23 screening or other materials prohibited under paragraph (1).
24 This requirement shall not apply to vehicles exempt under
25 paragraph (2)(i).

26 (7) A retail automotive dealer operating within this
27 Commonwealth shall ensure that any nonexempt vehicle complies
28 with paragraph (1) prior to the sale or transfer of the
29 vehicle. Failure to comply with this provision shall result
30 in the dealer's being liable for any fines and penalties

1 incurred by the purchaser or transferee relating to
2 violations of paragraph (1). A dealer shall not be liable for
3 any of the following:

4 (i) Fines and penalties incurred after the vehicle
5 undergoes a State safety inspection subsequent to the
6 purchase of the vehicle.

7 (ii) Fines and penalties incurred after 12 months
8 from the sale of the vehicle.

9 (8) Pursuant to section 4702 (related to requirements
10 for periodic inspection of vehicles), the department shall
11 promulgate safety inspection requirements for the enforcement
12 of paragraph (1), providing that any nonexempt vehicle found
13 to be in violation of paragraph (1) may not pass the State
14 safety inspection until the vehicle is brought into
15 compliance with paragraph (1).

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