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HOUSE BILL 11-1251

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Senate Committees

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.

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.