

**Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Modifications**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to window tinting.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▸ enacts a provision allowing a peace officer to stop a vehicle for improper side window tinting only if the peace officer has stopped the vehicle for a violation of another

offense; and

▸ prohibits a peace officer from requesting the revocation or suspension of an individual's vehicle registration or driver license for a window tinting violation.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-6a-1635**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 183

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1635** is amended to read:

**41-6a-1635 . Windshields and windows -- Tinting -- Obstructions reducing visibility -- Wipers -- Prohibitions.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsections (2), (3), and (4) a person may not operate a motor vehicle with:

(a) a windshield that allows less than 70% light transmittance;

(b) a front side window that allows less than 35% light transmittance, with no more than a 5% variance observed by a peace officer metering the light transmittance;

(c) any windshield or window that is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component that presents a metallic or mirrored appearance;

- 32 (d) any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material on the windshield or side windows  
33 of the motor vehicle except:
- 34 (i) a certificate or other paper required to be so displayed by law; or  
35 (ii) the vehicle's identification number displayed or etched in accordance with rules  
36 made by the department under Section 41-6a-1601; or
- 37 (e) any debris, frost, or other substance that materially obstructs the operator's view.
- 38 (2)(a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle with an object or device hanging or  
39 mounted in a manner that materially obstructs the operator's view.
- 40 (b) A person shall ensure that an object or device hanging or mounted in compliance  
41 with Subsection (2)(a) is used in accordance with this chapter.
- 42 (3) Nontransparent materials may be used:
- 43 (a) along the top edge of the windshield if the materials do not extend downward more  
44 than four inches from the top edge of the windshield or beyond the AS-1 line  
45 whichever is lowest;
- 46 (b) in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield provided they do not extend more  
47 than three inches to the right of the left edge or more than four inches above the  
48 bottom edge of the windshield; or
- 49 (c) on the rear windows including rear side windows located behind the vehicle operator.
- 50 (4) A windshield or other window is considered to comply with the requirements of  
51 Subsection (1) if the windshield or other window meets the federal statutes and  
52 regulations for motor vehicle window composition, covering, light transmittance, and  
53 treatment.
- 54 (5) Except for material used on the windshield in compliance with Subsections (3)(a) and  
55 (b), a motor vehicle with tinting or nontransparent material on any window shall be  
56 equipped with rear-view mirrors mounted on the left side and on the right side of the  
57 motor vehicle to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the motor  
58 vehicle.
- 59 (6)(a)(i) The windshield on a motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for  
60 cleaning rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield.
- 61 (ii) The device shall be constructed to be operated by the operator of the motor  
62 vehicle.
- 63 (b) A windshield wiper on a motor vehicle shall be maintained in good working order.
- 64 (7) A person may not have for sale, sell, offer for sale, install, cover, or treat a windshield  
65 or window in violation of this section.

66 (8) Notwithstanding this section, any person subject to the federal Motor Vehicle Safety  
67 Standards, including motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, dealers, importers, and  
68 repair businesses, shall comply with the federal standards on motor vehicle window  
69 tinting.

70 (9) A violation of this section is an infraction.

71 (10) A peace officer may only enforce Subsection (1)(b) when the peace officer has  
72 detained the operator of a motor vehicle for a suspected violation of another section in  
73 Title 41, Motor Vehicles, or for another offense.

74 (11) A peace officer may not request that the Motor Vehicle Division or Driver License  
75 Division revoke or suspend an individual's vehicle registration or driver license for a  
76 violation or multiple violations of Subsection (1)(a) or (b).

77 Section 2. **Effective date.**

78 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.