

TINTED VEHICLE WINDOWS AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the allowable window tint on motor vehicle windows.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the allowable window tint on motor vehicle windows.

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 2021, Chapter 99

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;



28 (b) a front side window that allows less than [~~43%~~] ~~Ŝ~~→ [~~25%~~] 35% ←~~Ŝ~~ light
 28a transmittance ~~Ŝ~~→ , **with no more than a 5% variance observed by a peace officer metering the**
 28b **light transmittance** ←~~Ŝ~~ ;

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

31 (d) any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material on the windshield or side
 32 windows of the motor vehicle except:

33 (i) a certificate or other paper required to be so displayed by law; or

34 (ii) the vehicle's identification number displayed or etched in accordance with rules
 35 made by the department under Section [41-6a-1601](#); or

36 (e) any debris, frost, or other substance that materially obstructs the operator's view.

37 (2) (a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle with an object or device hanging or
 38 mounted in a manner that materially obstructs the operator's view.

39 (b) A person shall ensure that an object or device hanging or mounted in compliance
 40 with Subsection (2)(a) is used in accordance with this chapter.

41 (3) Nontransparent materials may be used:

42 (a) along the top edge of the windshield if the materials do not extend downward more
 43 than four inches from the top edge of the windshield or beyond the AS-1 line whichever is
 44 lowest;

45 (b) in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield provided they do not extend more
 46 than three inches to the right of the left edge or more than four inches above the bottom edge of
 47 the windshield; or

48 (c) on the rear windows including rear side windows located behind the vehicle
 49 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 regulations for
 52 motor vehicle window composition, covering, light transmittance, and treatment.

53 (5) Except for material used on the windshield in compliance with Subsections (3)(a)
 54 and (b), a motor vehicle with tinting or nontransparent material on any window shall be
 55 equipped with rear-view mirrors mounted on the left side and on the right side of the motor
 56 vehicle to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the motor vehicle.

57 (6) (a) (i) The windshield on a motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for
 58 cleaning rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield.

- 59 (ii) The device shall be constructed to be operated by the operator of the motor vehicle.
- 60 (b) A windshield wiper on a motor vehicle shall be maintained in good working order.
- 61 (7) A person may not have for sale, sell, offer for sale, install, cover, or treat a
- 62 windshield or window in violation of this section.
- 63 (8) Notwithstanding this section, any person subject to the federal Motor Vehicle
- 64 Safety Standards, including motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, dealers, importers, and
- 65 repair businesses, shall comply with the federal standards on motor vehicle window tinting.
- 66 (9) A violation of this section is an infraction.