

SENATE BILL NO. 51

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR FRENCH

Introduced: 1/21/09

Referred: Transportation, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the installation of window tinting in automobiles."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to read:

4 **Sec. 28.35.271. Installation of window tinting.** (a) A person commits the
5 offense of improper installation of window tinting if the person in this state installs
6 window tinting on a motor vehicle

7 (1) on the front windshield of the vehicle; notwithstanding this
8 paragraph, a person may install a strip of tinting material that is applied to the top edge
9 of the windshield that does not extend downward more than five inches from the top
10 of the glass;

11 (2) on the driver and front passenger side windows that does not allow
12 at least 70 percent light transmittance;

13 (3) on the rear door windows, quarter glasses, and back glasses that
14 does not allow at least 40 percent light transmittance;

15 (4) that is not green, gray, bronze, or neutral smoke in color, or a

1 nonmirrored sun reflective auto film; or

2 (5) for compensation and does not install a window tint hologram that
3 identifies the installer and certifies that the window tinting complies with this section.

4 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section,

5 (1) limousines and passenger buses used to transport persons for hire,
6 motor homes, and vehicles identified by the vehicle manufacturer as multipurpose
7 may have tinting material that complies with standards set by the department in
8 regulation;

9 (2) the windows of a vehicle may have tinting material that permits
10 less light transmittance than that specified in (a) of this section if a driver or a
11 passenger who frequently travels in the vehicle is required for medical reasons to be
12 shielded from the direct rays of the sun and

13 (A) the medical reasons are certified annually by a physician
14 licensed to practice in this state; and

15 (B) the certification is carried in the vehicle;

16 (3) law enforcement vehicles may have tinting material that varies
17 from the requirements of this section.

18 (c) In this section, "light transmittance" means the ratio, expressed as a
19 percentage, of the amount of total light that is allowed to pass through a window,
20 including glazing, to the amount of total light falling on the window.

21 (d) Improper installation of window tinting is an infraction.