

**HB 537-FN - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL            ***537-FN***

AN ACT                permitting vehicles to have front windshield tinting.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Hoell, Merr. 27; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 28

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes the prohibition on front windshield tinted glass.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT                    permitting vehicles to have front windshield tinting.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Rules of the Road; Obstruction to Driver's View or Riding Mechanism. Amend RSA 265:95,  
2 II(a) to read as follows:

3                    (a) Except as permitted by subparagraph (b), no person shall drive upon any way any  
4 vehicle with any sign, poster, sticker, or other nontransparent material upon or adjacent to the front  
5 windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows of such vehicle which shall obstruct the driver's clear  
6 view of the way or any intersecting way, unless authorized by the director so to do. ~~[No person shall~~  
7 ~~drive upon any way any vehicle with after market tinting on the windshield, as prohibited under~~  
8 ~~RSA 266:58-a.]~~

9            2 Equipment of Vehicles; Tinted Glass. Amend RSA 266:58-a, I through III-a to read as follows:

10            I. It shall be unlawful to sell or inspect any motor vehicle in this state which has after  
11 market tinting on the windshield ***that has less than 90 percent visible light transmittance.***

12            II. It shall be unlawful to install after market tinting on the windshield on any motor vehicle  
13 which is registered in this state ***that has less than 90 percent visible light transmittance.***

14            III. It shall be unlawful to drive on any way any motor vehicle registered in this state which  
15 has after market tinting on the windshield ***with less than 90 percent visible light***  
16 ***transmittance.*** Where after market tinting is applied to windows to the rear of the driver, outside  
17 rear view mirrors shall be required on both the left and right side of the vehicle for the use of the  
18 driver and a front seat passenger. The light transmittance of after-market tinted windows to the left  
19 and right of the driver where they are allowed shall not be less than 70 percent, and the light  
20 transmittance of after-market tinted rear windows where they are allowed shall not be less than 35  
21 percent, except that the light transmittance of after market tinted rear windows of multipurpose  
22 passenger vehicles, as defined in 49 C.F.R. section 571.3 and pickup trucks may be such percentage  
23 as is allowed by 49 C.F.R. section 571.205 with respect to pre-market tinted rear windows.

24            III-a. Persons who require for medical reasons after market tinting on the windshield ***that***  
25 ***has less than 90 percent visible light transmittance*** may apply for a special permit pursuant to  
26 RSA 266:61-a, IX.

27            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 537-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State                     County                     Local                     None

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Safety states this bill will have no impact on state, county, or local revenue or expenditures.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Safety