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## **An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Automotive Reflective and Tinted Glass**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. A side window or rear window is composed of, covered by or treated with a material that hasallows a light transmittance of less than 50%35% net of glass and material; or

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1916, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to:

(1) A certificate or other paper required or allowed by law to be displayed, which must be removable;

(2) The label attached to a window showing the price, estimated mileage and other federally mandated information commonly known as the manufacturer's suggested retail price label, which must be removable;

(3) Sun-screening or window-tinting material along a 4-inch strip at the AS-1 line. For the purposes of this paragraph, "AS-1 line" means a parallel line 5 inches from the top of the windshield; or

(4) Motor vehicles for which the Chief of the State Police has granted an exception because the health of the owner or a person who usually occupies the vehicle is adversely affected by sunlight. The Chief of the State Police may, upon proper application, provide the owner of a motor vehicle with a certificate of exemption that must be displayed upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill amends the law concerning automotive reflective and tinted glass by lowering the minimum standards for the percentage of light that must be transmitted through a side window or a rear window from 50% to 35% net of glass and material. The bill expands by 1 inch the sun-screening or tinting material allowed at the top of a windshield.