

## CHAPTER 143

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 11-1251**

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also SENATOR(S) Tochtrop, King S., Williams S.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE RESTRICTIONS ON WINDOW TINTING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 42-4-227 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**42-4-227. Windows unobstructed - certain materials prohibited - windshield wiper requirements.** (1) (a) (I) Except as OTHERWISE provided in this paragraph (a), no person shall operate ~~any~~ A motor vehicle registered in Colorado on which any window, except the windshield, is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component ~~which~~ THAT presents an opaque, nontransparent, or metallic or mirrored appearance in such a way that it allows less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance. The windshield shall allow AT LEAST seventy percent light transmittance.

(II) ~~The provisions of this~~ NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS paragraph (a), ~~shall not apply to~~ the windows to the rear of the driver, including the rear window, ~~on any motor vehicle; however, if such windows~~ MAY allow less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance ~~then~~ IF the front side windows and the windshield on such vehicles ~~shall~~ allow AT LEAST seventy percent light transmittance.

(III) A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE MAY HAVE ITS WINDOWS, EXCEPT THE WINDSHIELD, TREATED IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO ALLOW LESS THAN TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT LIGHT TRANSMITTANCE ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A VALID LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE. A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE WITH SUCH WINDOW TREATMENT SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY TRAFFIC LAW

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, INCLUDING OPERATIONS CONCERNING ANY OFFENSE IN ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III), "LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE OWNED OR LEASED BY A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THE TREATMENT OF THE WINDSHIELD OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 4, 2011