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S.B. No. 173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicle windshield sunscreening devices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 547.613(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a windshield that has a suncreening device that:

(A) in combination with the windshield has a light transmission of 25 percent or more;

(B) in combination with the windshield has a luminous reflectance of 25 percent or less;

(C) is not red, blue, or amber; and

(D) does not extend downward beyond the AS-1 line or more than five inches from the top of the windshield, whichever is closer to the top of the windshield;

(1-a) a windshield that has a virtually transparent sunscreening device that in combination with the windshield has a light transmission of 70 percent or more;

(2) a wing vent or a window other than a windshield if the vent or window has a sunscreening device that in combination with the vent or window has:

(A) a light transmission of 25 percent or more; and

(B) a luminous reflectance of 25 percent or less;

1           (3) a rear window, if the motor vehicle is equipped  
2 with an outside mirror on each side of the vehicle that reflects to  
3 the vehicle operator a view of the highway for a distance of at  
4 least 200 feet from the rear;

5           (4) a rearview mirror;

6           (5) an adjustable nontransparent sun visor that is  
7 mounted in front of a side window and not attached to the glass;

8           (6) a direction, destination, or termination sign on a  
9 passenger common carrier motor vehicle, if the sign does not  
10 interfere with the vehicle operator's view of approaching traffic;

11          (7) a rear window wiper motor;

12          (8) a rear trunk lid handle or hinge;

13          (9) a luggage rack attached to the rear trunk;

14          (10) a side window that is to the rear of the vehicle  
15 operator on a multipurpose vehicle;

16          (11) a window that has a United States, state, or local  
17 certificate placed on or attached to it as required by law;

18          (12) a motor vehicle that is not registered in this  
19 state;

20          (13) a window that complies with federal standards for  
21 window materials, including a factory-tinted or a pretinted window  
22 installed by the vehicle manufacturer, or a replacement window  
23 meeting the specifications required by the vehicle manufacturer;

24          (14) a vehicle that is:

25                (A) used regularly to transport passengers for a  
26 fee; and

27                (B) authorized to operate under license or permit

1 by a local authority; or

2 (15) a vehicle that is maintained by a law enforcement  
3 agency and used for law enforcement purposes.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
5 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
6 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
7 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
8 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
9 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
10 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.