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S.B. No. 329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to an object or material placed on or attached to a window of a commercial motor vehicle.

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

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

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a windshield that has a sunscreening 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;

(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;

(3) a rear window, if the motor vehicle is equipped with an outside mirror on each side of the vehicle that reflects to

1 the vehicle operator a view of the highway for a distance of at
2 least 200 feet from the rear;

3 (4) a rearview mirror;

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

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

9 (7) a rear window wiper motor;

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

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

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

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

16 (12) a motor vehicle that is not registered in this
17 state;

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

22 (14) a vehicle that is:

23 (A) used regularly to transport passengers for a
24 fee; and

25 (B) authorized to operate under license or permit
26 by a local authority; ~~or~~

27 (15) a vehicle that is maintained by a law enforcement

1 agency and used for law enforcement purposes; or

2 (16) a commercial motor vehicle as defined by Section
3 644.001.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.