



## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 931

February 18, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives TRANEL, TITTL, MURPHY, NOVAK and KULP. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT relating to:** modifying administrative rules related to tinting of motor  
2             vehicle windows.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill changes the motor vehicle window tinting limitations contained in the administrative code, allowing more opaque vent, side, and rear windows than under current law.

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for enforcing motor vehicle equipment restrictions and may promulgate rules relating to vehicle equipment standards. DOT rules include provisions detailing the extent to which motor vehicle windows may be tinted. Among these rules, tinting of the vent, side, and rear windows is permitted by the application of tinting film to the inside of the glass provided that the combination of the glass and tinting film permits passage through the windows of at least 35 percent of the visible light striking the windows. This bill lowers the percentage of visible light that must be able to pass through the glass and tinting film to 17 percent.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** Trans 305.32 (4) (b) 3. of the administrative code is amended to read:  
4             Trans 305.32 (4) (b) 3. The windows are tinted, upon the recommendation of  
5             a physician or a Christian Science practitioner treating the owner, or an immediate

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1 family member of the owner of the vehicle, by the application of tinting film to the  
2 inside of the glazing provided that the combination of the glazing and tinting film  
3 permits passage through the windows of at least ~~35%~~ 17 percent of the visible light  
4 striking the windows. Tinting films permitted under this subdivision may not be  
5 reflective. A written statement from the treating physician or Christian Science  
6 practitioner which identifies the patient, the medical condition justifying the  
7 recommendation, whether the condition is temporary or permanent and the vehicle  
8 to which the recommendation applies, including the make, model, year and vehicle  
9 identification number, shall be carried in the vehicle at all times. Tinting film  
10 applied under this subparagraph shall be removed when a vehicle covered by the  
11 recommendation is sold, when the person for whom a recommendation was made no  
12 longer resides in the household of the owner of the vehicle or when the duration of  
13 a temporary condition which is the basis for a recommendation has expired.

14 **SECTION 2.** TRANS 305.32 (5) (b) 2. of the administrative code is amended to  
15 read:

16 TRANS 305.32 (5) (b) 2. The window is tinted by the application of tinting film  
17 to the inside of the glazing provided that the combination of the glazing and tinting  
18 film permits passage through the window of at least ~~35%~~ 17 percent of the visible  
19 light striking the window. The tinting films permitted under this subdivision may  
20 not be reflective.

21 **SECTION 3.** TRANS 305.32 (6) (b) of the administrative code is amended to read:

22 TRANS 305.32 (6) (b) The windows are tinted by the application of tinting film  
23 to the inside of the glazing provided that the combination of the glazing and tinting  
24 film permits passage through the windows of at least ~~35%~~ 17 percent of the visible

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1 light striking the window. The tinting films permitted under this subdivision may  
2 not be reflective.

3 (END)