
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that vitiligo is a
2 serious skin condition, which causes a lack of pigmentation in
3 the skin and can cause individuals afflicted with the disease to
4 be sensitive to ultraviolet rays. The condition causes patches
5 of skin to lose their pigmentation when the pigment-producing
6 cells, or melanocytes, are attacked and destroyed, affecting the
7 skin and leaving white patches. It is believed that vitiligo is
8 an autoimmune disorder in which white blood cells direct the
9 destruction of the melanocytes.

10 This disease cuts across all ethnic origins and both sexes
11 and affects an estimated one per cent of the world's population,
12 including two to five million people within the United States.
13 Individuals with vitiligo need to protect their skin, especially
14 areas of depigmentation, against excessive sun exposure by
15 wearing protective clothing, applying sunscreen daily, and
16 avoiding prolonged sun exposure. The simple, everyday task of
17 driving long distances which many take for granted as a harmless



1 part of life, may subject individuals with vitiligo to
2 potentially damaging sun exposure.

3 Besides vitiligo, there are other skin conditions that
4 affect people's skin pigmentation, causing them to be more
5 vulnerable to sun exposure during all of their activities,
6 including driving in an automobile. Examples of other such
7 disorders are albinism and pigmentation loss due to skin damage
8 from such things as ulcers, blisters, burns, and infections.

9 The health hazards that people with serious skin conditions
10 face could be mitigated by the use of appropriately tinted
11 automobile windows. Current levels of light transmittance
12 through tinting allowed by law may not provide adequate
13 protection for those individuals with vitiligo, albinism, and
14 other skin conditions. Providing exceptions to this statute
15 would benefit these individuals without compromising vehicular
16 safety or the conduct of traffic law enforcement.

17 The purpose of this Act is to allow motor vehicles
18 registered to individuals with serious skin conditions such as
19 vitiligo and albinism to be exempted from Hawaii's window
20 tinting law.

21 SECTION 2. Section 291-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:



- 1 "(d) This section shall not apply to:
- 2 (1) Rearview mirrors;
- 3 (2) Adjustable nontransparent sun visors which are mounted
- 4 forward of the side windows and are not attached to
- 5 the glazing material;
- 6 (3) Signs, stickers, or other materials which are
- 7 displayed in a seven-inch square in the lower corner
- 8 of the windshield farthest removed from the driver or
- 9 signs, stickers, or other materials which are
- 10 displayed in a five-inch square in the lower corner of
- 11 the windshield nearest the driver;
- 12 (4) Rear trunk lid handle or hinges;
- 13 (5) Window wipers and window wiper motors;
- 14 (6) Transparent sun screening film materials which are
- 15 installed, affixed, or applied along the top edge of
- 16 the windshield so long as such materials do not
- 17 encroach upon the AS-1 portion of the windshield as
- 18 provided by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- 19 205 or no lower than four inches below the top of the
- 20 windshield, when measured from the middle point of the
- 21 bottom edge of the top windshield moulding if no AS-1



- 1 markings can be found in the left or right upper
2 margin of the windshield;
- 3 (7) Sun screening devices for front side wing vents and
4 windows which, when used in conjunction with the
5 glazing material have a light transmittance of no less
6 than thirty-five per cent plus or minus six per cent;
- 7 (8) Sun screening devices for side windows necessary for
8 driving visibility which are to the rear of the driver
9 and for rear windows necessary for driving visibility
10 which, when used in conjunction with the glazing
11 material, have a light transmittance of no less than
12 thirty-five per cent plus or minus six per cent;
- 13 (9) Side windows which are to the rear of the driver and
14 rear windows on vans, minivans, trucks, or buses;
15 provided that the vehicles are equipped with rearview
16 mirrors on both sides;
- 17 (10) Privacy drapes, curtains, or blinds, or any
18 combination, installed on the interior of motor
19 homes[-]; and
- 20 (11) Motor vehicles registered to an owner with a serious
21 skin condition that affects the pigmentation of the
22 owner's skin and for whom exposure to sunlight would



Report Title:

Motor vehicles; window tinting; sunscreens

Description:

Allows motor vehicles registered to individuals with serious skin conditions to obtain darker window sun-screening devices than currently allowed by law.

