

HB 1178 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1178**

AN ACT relative to permissible window tinting on motor vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Barton, Graf. 1; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25; Rep. Wade, Straf. 15

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill allows aftermarket tinting on the front side windows if they allow at least 35 percent light transmittance and creates a medical exemption for similar tinting.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to permissible window tinting on motor vehicles.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Tinted Glass. Amend RSA 266:58-a by inserting after paragraph VI the
2 following new paragraph:

3 VII. After-market tinting shall be permitted on the windows to the left and right of the
4 driver, provided the windows maintain a minimum visible light transmittance of 35 percent, as
5 measured in accordance with applicable testing standards.

6 2 Equipment Waiver for Disabled. Amend RSA 266:61-a, IX to read as follows:

7 IX. The commissioner ***shall establish testing and measurement procedures to ensure***
8 ***compliance with RSA 266:58-a. The commissioner*** may ***also*** waive the requirements of RSA
9 266:58-a and issue a special permit to a person who for bona fide medical reasons requires after
10 market tinting on the windshield or on the windows to the left and right of the driver and who
11 applies for such permit. Such waiver shall be granted in accordance with this section and shall only
12 authorize the use of after market tinted windows with a ***visible*** light transmittance of not less than
13 35 percent. In reviewing the application for a permit under this paragraph, the commissioner may
14 seek the advice and recommendation of a medical review board designated by him or her for such
15 purpose. Any medical certification or documentation required for a waiver under this section may be
16 provided by a medical provider licensed in this state or by a licensed medical provider affiliated with
17 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), regardless of the state of licensure.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.