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HOUSE BILL 748

Short Title: MV Window Glazing.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ellis; Barbee, Berry, Bowman, J. Brown, Creech, Grady, Justus, G. Thompson, and Weatherly.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 6, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO BRING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATUTES ON MOTOR VEHICLE WINDOW GLAZING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-127(d) reads as rewritten:

(d) ~~On or after January 1, 1989, it~~ It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle registered or which is required to be registered in this State under this Chapter, upon any highway or public vehicular area with a windshield or a front side window to the immediate right or left of the operator, or a rear window used for visibility, which ~~has been darkened, smoked, or tinted after factory delivery. Provided, however, after first sale of the vehicle, a single application of tinted film which has been registered with and approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall be lawful if the manufacturer's label is implanted between the film and glass in the lower left section of each darkened window and is legible from outside the vehicle. The label shall indicate the film registration number, the name and address of the manufacturer and a certification of compliance with North Carolina law. No film or darkening material may be applied on the windshield except to replace the sunshield in the uppermost area as installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle, in which case the label shall be implanted between the film and glass in the upper left section of the windshield and be legible from outside the vehicle.~~ does not conform to Safety Standard No. 205 issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) which requires seventy percent (70%) light transmittance in all windows in passenger windows and in trucks a seventy percent (70%) light transmittance in the windshield and windows to the immediate right and left of the driver and the rearmost windows if used for driving

1 visibility. A rear window shall be required for visibility on every vehicle unless the
2 vehicle is equipped with an outside mirror of a type approved by the Commissioner
3 which eliminates the requirement for an inside rearview mirror under the provisions of
4 G.S. 20-126(a) and (b)."

5 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-127 (f) through (h) are repealed.

6 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-127(i) reads as rewritten:

7 "(i) Subsections (d) ~~through (g)~~ and (e) of this section do not apply to law-
8 enforcement K-9 vehicles and films used to darken windows on those units."

9 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993, and shall apply to all
10 vehicles newly registered on or after that date.