

1 HB332
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a motor vehicle may not
9 be operated in this state if it has material or
10 glazing applied to the front window that reduces
11 light transmission or to rear or side windows that
12 reduces light transmission by more than a specified
13 percentage.

14 This bill would provide for an exception to
15 the prohibition for personal vehicles owned by
16 active or retired state, local, or federal law
17 enforcement officers.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section
24 32-5C-2, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for an exception to
25 the prohibition on the operation of vehicles with tinted
26 windows for personal vehicles of active or retired state,
27 local, or federal law enforcement officers.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 32-5C-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "§32-5C-2.

5 "(a) Except as provided in this chapter, a person
6 shall not operate a motor vehicle registered in this state
7 under either of the following conditions:

8 "(1) With material or glazing applied or affixed to
9 the front windshield which reduces light transmission through
10 the front windshield.

11 "(2) With material or glazing applied or affixed to
12 the rear windshield or the side or door windows which reduce
13 light transmission through the rear windshield or side windows
14 to less than 32 percent or increase light reflectance to more
15 than 20 percent, with a measurement tolerance of at least 3
16 percent. The light transmission shall be measured with a
17 device or instrument capable of measuring light transmission
18 before a person may be charged with a violation of this
19 section, and the officer shall be equipped with such a meter
20 before stopping the driver.

21 "(b) This section does not apply to any personal use
22 vehicles belonging to any active or retired state, local, or
23 federal law enforcement officer."

24 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
25 first day of the third month following its passage and
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.