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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1238

(Delegate DeCarlo)

Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Exemption from Tinted Window Requirements - Certification by Optometrist

This bill includes a written certification from an optometrist as an acceptable form of verification of a vehicle owner's medical need to be protected from the sun by tinted windows.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Since it is assumed that the bill will apply in a limited number of cases, State finances should not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway if its windows are tinted to an extent that the windows do not allow a light transmittance of at least 35%, unless that person has a certification written by a physician detailing the owner's medical need to be protected from the sun by tinted windows.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill was introduced as HB 342 in the 2000 session. It received an unfavorable report from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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