

# HOUSE BILL 436

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows – Repeal of**  
3 **Time Limitation**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the 2–year time limitation on medical exemptions for  
5 enhanced tinted windows on certain vehicles; and generally relating to enhanced  
6 tinted windows.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 22–406(i)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 22–406.

16 (i) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a person may  
17 not operate a vehicle registered under § 13–912, § 13–913, § 13–917, or § 13–937 of this  
18 article on a highway in this State if:

19 (i) In the case of a vehicle registered under § 13–912 of this article,  
20 there is affixed to any window of the vehicle any tinting materials added to the window  
21 after manufacture of the vehicle that do not allow a light transmittance through the window  
22 of at least 35%; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) In the case of a vehicle registered under § 13–913, § 13–917, or §  
2 13–937 of this article, there is affixed to any window to the immediate right or left of the  
3 driver any window tinting materials added after manufacture of the vehicle that do not  
4 allow a light transmittance through the window of at least 35%.

5 (2) If a police officer observes that a vehicle is being operated in violation  
6 of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the officer may stop the driver of the vehicle and, in  
7 addition to a citation charging the driver with the offense, issue to the driver a safety  
8 equipment repair order in accordance with the provisions of § 23–105 of this article.

9 (3) A person may not install on a window of a vehicle any window tinting  
10 material that does not comply with the light transmittance requirements specified in  
11 paragraph (1) of this subsection.

12 (4) (i) A person who must be protected from the sun for medical reasons  
13 is exempt from the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection if the owner has, in the  
14 vehicle at the time the vehicle is stopped by a police officer, a written certification in the  
15 manner and format required by the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the  
16 Department of State Police that details the owner's medical need for tinted windows with  
17 a light transmittance of less than the allowed 35%, from a physician licensed to practice  
18 medicine in the State.

19 (ii) A written certification under this paragraph shall be valid for a  
20 period of time that the licensed physician determines the owner needs the enhanced tinted  
21 windows[, not to exceed 2 years].

22 (iii) This subsection does not apply to tinting materials that:

- 23 1. Are affixed in such a manner so as to be easily removed;  
24 and  
25 2. Are being used to protect a child less than 10 years of age  
26 from the sun.

27 (iv) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to:

- 28 1. Allow any tinting materials to be added to the windshield  
29 of a vehicle below the AS1 line or below 5 inches from the top of the windshield;
- 30 2. Prohibit a person from operating the vehicle while the  
31 person for whom the written certification is required is not present in the vehicle, provided  
32 that the written certification is in the vehicle; or
- 33 3. Alter or restrict the authority of the Administrator to  
34 adopt regulations regarding vehicle windows, except with respect to the light transmittance  
35 requirements specified in this section.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2025.