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Environment and Transportation

House Bill 436

Vehicle Laws - Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows -

Repeal of Time Limitation

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Position: Support

Disability Rights Maryland submits this testimony in support of House Bill 436. HB 436 seeks to remove the two-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced window tinting on vehicles. This bill is an important move toward reducing unnecessary barriers for individuals with medical conditions that require sun protection.

Currently, Maryland law requires individuals with a medical exemption for window tinting to renew their certification every two years, regardless of whether their condition is permanent. This creates an undue burden on individuals with chronic or lifelong medical conditions, forcing them to repeatedly seek physician documentation and navigate bureaucratic processes for an accommodation that is essential to their health and well-being. For individuals with medical conditions that require protection from ultraviolet exposure, tinted windows are a medical necessity. The existing two-year renewal requirement fails to account for the fact that many of these conditions are permanent and do not require ongoing reassessment.

House Bill 436 will ensure that medical professionals can certify exemptions for the duration they deem appropriate, eliminating unnecessary administrative hurdles for individuals who already face significant daily challenges. This bill will help ensure that Marylanders with chronic medical conditions can access the modifications they need without restrictions.

For these reasons, DRM requests a favorable report on House Bill 436. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at GabrielR@DisabilityRightsMD.org or (443) 692-2483.

Respectfully submitted,

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