

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 12-503 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-503) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-503)

7 Sec. 12-503. Windshields must be unobstructed and equipped  
8 with wipers.

9 (a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any sign,  
10 poster, window application, reflective material, nonreflective  
11 material or tinted film upon the front windshield, sidewings or  
12 side windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver. A  
13 nonreflective tinted film may be used along the uppermost  
14 portion of the windshield if such material does not extend more  
15 than 6 inches down from the top of the windshield. Nothing in  
16 this Section shall create a cause of action on behalf of a  
17 buyer against a dealer or manufacturer who sells a motor  
18 vehicle with a window which is in violation of this Section.

19 (a-5) No person shall install or repair any material  
20 prohibited by subsection (a) of this Section.

21 (1) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person  
22 from removing or altering any material prohibited by  
23 subsection (a) to make a motor vehicle comply with the

1       requirements of this Section.

2       (2) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person  
3       from installing window treatment for a person with a  
4       medical condition described in subsection (g) of this  
5       Section. An installer who installs window treatment for a  
6       person with a medical condition described in subsection (g)  
7       must obtain a copy of the certified statement or letter  
8       written by a physician described in subsection (g) from the  
9       person with the medical condition prior to installing the  
10       window treatment. The copy of the certified statement or  
11       letter must be kept in the installer's permanent records.

12       (b) Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the  
13       use of nonreflective, smoked or tinted glass, nonreflective  
14       film, perforated window screen or other decorative window  
15       application on windows to the rear of the driver's seat, except  
16       that any motor vehicle with a window to the rear of the  
17       driver's seat treated in this manner shall be equipped with a  
18       side mirror on each side of the motor vehicle which are in  
19       conformance with Section 12-502.

20       (c) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any objects  
21       placed or suspended between the driver and the front  
22       windshield, rear window, side wings or side windows immediately  
23       adjacent to each side of the driver which materially obstructs  
24       the driver's view.

25       (d) Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, shall be  
26       equipped with a device, controlled by the driver, for cleaning

1 rain, snow, moisture or other obstructions from the windshield;  
2 and no person shall drive a motor vehicle with snow, ice,  
3 moisture or other material on any of the windows or mirrors,  
4 which materially obstructs the driver's clear view of the  
5 highway.

6 (e) No person shall drive a motor vehicle when the  
7 windshield, side or rear windows are in such defective  
8 condition or repair as to materially impair the driver's view  
9 to the front, side or rear. A vehicle equipped with a side  
10 mirror on each side of the vehicle which are in conformance  
11 with Section 12-502 will be deemed to be in compliance in the  
12 event the rear window of the vehicle is materially obscured.

13 (f) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section shall not apply  
14 to:

15 (1) motor vehicles manufactured prior to January 1,  
16 1982; or

17 (2) to those motor vehicles properly registered in  
18 another jurisdiction.

19 (g) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply to any  
20 motor vehicle with a window treatment, including but not  
21 limited to a window application, reflective material,  
22 nonreflective material, or tinted film, applied or affixed to a  
23 motor vehicle that:

24 (1) is owned and operated by a person afflicted with or  
25 suffering from a medical illness, ailment, or disease,  
26 including but not limited to systemic or discoid lupus

1 erythematosus, disseminated superficial actinic  
2 porokeratosis, or albinism, which would require that  
3 person to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun; or

4 (2) is used in transporting a person when the person  
5 resides at the same address as the registered owner of the  
6 vehicle and the person is afflicted with or suffering from  
7 a medical illness, ailment or disease which would require  
8 the person to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun,  
9 including but not limited to systemic or discoid lupus  
10 erythematosus, disseminated superficial actinic  
11 porokeratosis, or albinism.

12 The owner must obtain a certified statement or letter  
13 written by a physician licensed to practice medicine in  
14 Illinois that such person owning and operating or being  
15 transported in a motor vehicle is afflicted with or suffers  
16 from such illness, ailment, or disease, including but not  
17 limited to systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus,  
18 disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis, or  
19 albinism, and such certification must be carried in the  
20 motor vehicle at all times. The certification shall be  
21 legible and shall contain the date of issuance, the name,  
22 address and signature of the attending physician, and the  
23 name, address, and medical condition of the person  
24 requiring exemption. The information on the certificate  
25 for a window treatment must remain current and shall be  
26 renewed annually by the attending physician. The owner

1 shall also submit a copy of the certification to the  
2 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may forward  
3 notice of certification to law enforcement agencies.

4 (g-5) (Blank).

5 (h) Paragraph (a) of this Section shall not apply to motor  
6 vehicle stickers or other certificates issued by State or local  
7 authorities which are required to be displayed upon motor  
8 vehicle windows to evidence compliance with requirements  
9 concerning motor vehicles.

10 (i) Those motor vehicles exempted under paragraph (f) (1) of  
11 this Section shall not cause their windows to be treated as  
12 described in paragraph (a) after January 1, 1993.

13 (j) A person found guilty of violating paragraphs (a),  
14 (a-5), (b), or (i) of this Section shall be guilty of a petty  
15 offense and fined no less than \$50 nor more than \$500. A second  
16 or subsequent violation of paragraphs (a), (a-5), (b), or (i)  
17 of this Section shall be treated as a Class C misdemeanor and  
18 the violator fined no less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Any  
19 person convicted under paragraphs (a), (b), or (i) of this  
20 Section shall be ordered to alter any nonconforming windows  
21 into compliance with this Section.

22 (k) The Secretary of State shall provide a notice of the  
23 requirements of this Section to a new resident applying for  
24 vehicle registration in this State pursuant to Section 3-801 of  
25 this Code. The Secretary of State may comply with this  
26 subsection by posting the requirements of this Section on the

1 Secretary of State's website.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-564, eff. 8-12-05; 95-202, eff. 8-16-07.)