

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 766	House Committee:	PASSED 13-7 (2/19/25)
Committee:	Transportation	House Floor:	PASSED 72-25 (3/25/25)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Tom Determann	Senate Floor:	PASSED 31-16 (3/23/26)
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Permissible Window Tint on Motor Vehicles

- House File 766 changes the requirements for window tinting motor vehicles operating in Iowa.
- Under current Iowa law, motor vehicles must allow 70% light transmittance through the front windshield and side windows.
- House File 766 would set the minimum light transmittance for side windows at 50 percent.
- House File 766 exempts vehicles owned by law enforcement agencies from the limits in the bill.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 [Iowa Code 321.438 (2)]

This section changes the limits on window tinting motor vehicles operating in Iowa. Current law says windows cannot be “excessively dark or reflective”, which the DOT defines as less than 70 percent light transmittance.

The bill would continue to require the front windshield of a motor vehicle to have at 70 percent light transmittance, but would allow a side window to have at least 50 percent light transmittance.

The section also strikes the current language giving the Department of Transportation rulemaking authority to set the standards for light transmittance.