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Title: Discontinue Physician Statement for Use of Tinted Windows in Motor Vehicles

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Referred to: Reference Committee B

House Action: **DISAPPROVE**

Whereas, Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 257.709(1)(a) limits the tinting of windows beyond the two rear windows and back windows and the top four inches of the front windows, and

Whereas, MCL 257.709(1)(b) prohibits application of tint material with greater than 35 percent solar reflectivity, and

Whereas, pursuant to MCL 257.709(3)(e), these restrictions do not apply if a special window treatment or application is determined necessary by a physician or optometrist, for the protection of a person who is light sensitive or photosensitive, and

Whereas, such a person must be in possession of a letter signed by a physician or optometrist indicating that the special window treatment or application is medically necessary, and

Whereas, the eye care professional is frequently put in a difficult position between supporting his patient or supporting the law enforcement organizations in the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, there is no evidence that tinted windows actually decrease light sensitivity better than protective eyewear; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively support the repeal of Michigan Compiled Law 257.709(3)(e), which allows for a special window treatment or application on a motor vehicle if such treatment is determined necessary by a physician or optometrist, for the protection of a person who is light sensitive or photosensitive, and the person has in his or her possession a copy of letter signed by a physician or optometrist indicating the special window treatment or application is medically necessary.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

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