

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 2380

INTRODUCER: Senator Baker

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Sunscreening Material Restrictions

DATE: March 30, 2010

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Davis	Meyer	TR	Favorable
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I. Summary:

The bill provides an exemption from window sunscreening requirements for vehicles owned or leased by licensed private investigative agencies.

This bill substantially amends s. 316.29545 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Generally, the provisions of ss. 316.2951 – 316.2957, F.S., prohibit a motor vehicle window from being tinted so darkly that it blocks the transmittance of more than a specified amount of visible light.¹ However, certain medical exclusions and vehicle exceptions apply. Under s. 316.29545, F.S., law enforcement vehicles used in undercover or canine operations are declared exempt from the prohibition.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill amends s. 316.29545, F.S., to create an additional class of vehicles exempted from the motor vehicle window sunscreening restrictions. The bill makes any vehicle owned or leased by an investigative agency licensed under ch. 493, F.S., exempt from window tinting regulations, if the vehicle is used in any of the following ways:

- Homeland security functions on behalf of federal, state, or local authorities;
- Executive protection activities;

¹ See ss. 316.2951 – 316.2957, F.S. for detailed percentages applying to side windows, rear windows, and additional details regarding louvers, privacy drapes, and installation tolerances.

- Undercover, covert, or surveillance operations in cases involving:
 - Child abductions,
 - Convicted sex offenders,
 - Insurance fraud,
 - Missing persons or property; or
- Other activities in which evidence is being obtained for civil or criminal proceedings.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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