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Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 90

(By Senator Brackenrich, et al.)

PASSED March 9, 1991
In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty-six-a, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to sun screening devices; definitions; specifications; exceptions; and penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirty-six-a, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.

§17C-15-36a. Sun screening devices; penalties.

1 (a) No person may operate a motor vehicle that is registered or required to be registered in the state on any public highway, road or street that has a sun screening device on the windshield, the front side wings and side windows adjacent to the right and left of the driver and windows adjacent to the rear of the
driver that do not meet the requirements of this section.

(b) A sun screening device when used in conjunction with the windshield must be nonreflective and may not be red, yellow or amber in color. A sun screening device may be used only along the top of the windshield and may not extend downward beyond the ASI line or more than five inches from the top of the windshield whichever is closer to the top of the windshield.

(c) A sun screening device when used in conjunction with the automotive safety glazing materials of the side wings or side windows located at the immediate right and left of the driver shall be a nonreflective type with reflectivity of not more than twenty percent and have a light transmission of not less than thirty-five percent. The side windows behind the driver and the rear most windows may have a sun screening device that is designed to be used on automotive safety glazing materials that has a light transmission of not less than thirty-five percent and a reflectivity of not more than twenty percent. If a sun screening device is used on glazing behind the driver, one right and one left outside rear view mirror is required.

(d) Each manufacturer shall:

(1) Certify to the division of public safety and division of motor vehicles that a sun screening device used by it is in compliance with the reflectivity and transmittance requirements of this section;

(2) Provide a label not to exceed one and one-half square inches in size, with a means for the permanent and legible installations between the sun screening material and each glazing surface to which it is applied that contains the manufacturer's name and its percentage of light transmission; and

(3) Include instructions with the product or material for proper installation, including the affixing of the label specified in this section. The labeling or marking must be placed in the left lower corner of each glazing
surface when facing the vehicle from the outside.

(e) No person may:

(1) Offer for sale or for use any sun screening product or material for motor vehicle use not in compliance with this section; or

(2) Install any sun screening product or material on vehicles intended for use on public roads without permanently affixing the label specified in this section.

(f) The provisions of this section do not apply to a motor vehicle registered in this state in the name of a person, or the person’s legal guardian, who has an affidavit signed by a physician or an optometrist licensed to practice in this state that states that the person has a physical condition that makes it necessary to equip the motor vehicle with sun screening material which would be of a light transmittance or luminous reflectance in violation of this section. The affidavit must be in the possession of the person so afflicted, or the person’s legal guardian, at all times while being transported in the motor vehicle.

(g) The light transmittance requirement of this section does not apply to windows behind the driver on trucks, buses, trailers, mobile homes and multipurpose passenger vehicles.

(h) As used in this section:

(1) “Bus” means a motor vehicle with motive power, except a trailer, designed for carrying more than ten persons.

(2) “Light transmission” means the ratio of the amount of total light to pass through a product or material to the amount of the total light falling on the product or material.

(3) “Luminous reflectants” means the ratio of the amount of total light that is reflected outward by the product or material to the amount of the total light falling on the product or materials.

(4) “Manufacturer” means any person engaged in
the manufacturing or assembling of sun screening
products or materials designed to be used in conjunc-
tion with vehicle glazing materials for the purpose of
reducing the effects of the sun.

(5) "Motor homes" means vehicular units designed
to provide temporary living quarters built into and an
integral part of or permanently attached to a self-
propelled motor vehicle chassis.

(6) "Multipurpose passenger vehicle" means a motor
vehicle with motive power, except a trailer, designed
to carry ten persons or less which is constructed either
on a truck chassis or with special features for occa-
sional off-road operation.

(7) "Nonreflective" means a product or material
designed to absorb light rather than to reflect it.

(8) "Passenger car" means a motor vehicle with
motive power, except a multipurpose passenger vehi-
cle, motorcycle or trailer, designed for carrying ten
persons or less.

(9) "Sun screening device" means film material or
device that is designed to be used in conjunction with
motor vehicle safety glazing materials for reducing the
effects of the sun.

(10) "Truck" means a motor vehicle with motive
power, except a trailer, designed primarily for the
transportation of property or special purpose
equipment.

(i) Any person violating the provisions of this section
is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction
thereof, may be fined not more than two hundred
dollars or be imprisoned for not more than thirty days.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within ....... in this the ....... day of ............, 1991.

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Governor