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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Harper ORIGINAL DATE 1/24/19
LAST UPDATED 1/25/19 HB 200
SHORT TITLE Window Sunscreen Restrictions SB _____
ANALYST Chabot

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 200 amends Section 66-3-846.1 which relates to restrictions on sun screening materials used on motor vehicle windshields. The bill deletes the wording that limits the downward slope to 5 inches from the top of the windshield and replaces it with “shall have a light transmission of at least seventy percent.”

The bill was introduced on behalf of the interim Legislative Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 25 has no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently, sun screening materials cannot come down more than 5 inches and there is no consideration for size of the windshield. This is not sufficient for vehicles with long, sloping windshields because it can leave a large area of the windshield uncovered, offering no protection from the sun. By covering the windshield with a film that has a light transmission of at 70 percent, the vehicle operator should still have a clear view and protection from the glare of the sun. This change will promote better visibility for the vehicle operator.

DPS is concerned that tint applied to the entire windshield will reduce the driver’s ability to see

through the glass and the affect will be magnified during night conditions.

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