

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1340

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee

Room JW327E, State

Capitol

HB 1340

1/30/2025

Relating to motor vehicle window tint.
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11:13 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVile, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz Members Absent: Representative Koppelman

Discussion Topics:

- Tourism industry
- Law Enforcement safety
- Public safety

11:13 a.m. Representative Steve Vetter introduced the bill and submitted testimony #32963.

11:19 a.m. Representative Craig Headland testified in support.

11:21 a.m. Chad Kaiser, Sherrif, Stutsman County, testified in favor and provided testimony #32712.

11:38 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

11:40 a.m. Representative Greuneich moved a Do Pass.

11:40 a.m. Representative Grueneich withdrew the motion.

Additional written testimony:

Deondre Hawk, ND Resident, submitted testimony in favor #32737.

Scott Edinger, Chief of Police, Jamestown Police Department, submitted testimony in favor #32779.

Andrew Bornemann, ND Resident, submitted testimony in favor #32807.

11:40 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

January 29, 2025

Chad Kaiser
Stutsman County Sheriff

House Transportation Committee
Dan Ruby, Chairman and Members of the House Transportation Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 1340

Dear Chairman Ruby, Vice-Chair Grueneich, and Committee Members

I am writing to express my support for HB 1340, which amends and reenacts subsection 4 of section 39-21-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle window tint.

This bill changes the percentage of window tint that can be applied to the front driver and passenger windows from **fifty percent** to **thirty-five percent**. This bill also has a small grammar fix as well.

This change allows a slightly darker tint that can be applied to the front driver and passenger windows of a motor vehicle. Thirty-five percent light transmittance is a good overall percentage provides more protection from the sun and snow reflection, glare reflection while still being safe in driving. This captures the citizens' needs of wanting the tint for sensitive eyes, to protect the interior vehicle from the sun, which makes the vehicle cooler inside for pets. The tint allows protecting belongings inside from the heat and theft protection as not so noticeable at a glance by people walking by.

This will allow North Dakota to be closer in line with other states' tint laws. There are about 15 states that have tints higher than thirty-five percent and all the other states are thirty-five percent or lower.

I yield many complaints and concerns from my constituents as why North Dakota tint law is so restrictive on the front driver and passenger windows. They also ask why Law enforcement vehicles can have tint darker than century code states, not to mention the out of state vehicles that pass through our state and get stopped for tint violations.

If HB 1340 passes I would consider tinting the Sheriff vehicles in our fleet to help preserve the equipment inside our vehicles from the sun and the heat.

Chairman Ruby and committee members I would urge you to vote **due pass on HB 1340**.

Sincerely,

Chad Kaiser
Stutsman County Sheriff

Deondre Hawk

1500 Pin Oak Loop

Bismarck, ND, 58501

1/29/2025

My name is Deondre Hawk, and I am a resident of Bismarck, ND. I am writing to express my strong support for legislation that allows for the use of the proposed 35% in our state. As someone who has personally experienced the benefits of darker tints, I believe this legislation would have a positive impact on public safety, health, and overall quality of life for residents.

35% window tints would provide an added layer of privacy and security for individuals and families. In an era where personal safety is a growing concern, darker tints help shield occupants from prying eyes. This is especially important for vulnerable populations, such as women traveling alone or families with young children. Additionally, darker tints can deter theft and break-ins by making it more difficult for criminals to see valuables inside vehicles or properties.

One of the most compelling reasons to support darker tints is their ability to block up to 99% of harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. Prolonged exposure to UV radiation is a known cause of skin cancer, premature aging, and other health issues. By allowing darker tints, we can help protect drivers and passengers from these risks.

Darker tints significantly reduce glare from sunlight, headlights, and reflective surfaces, which can improve visibility and reduce eye strain for drivers. This is especially beneficial during early mornings, late afternoons, and nighttime driving, when glare is most problematic. By enhancing driver comfort and safety, darker tints can contribute to a reduction in accidents caused by impaired visibility.

In the event of an accident or break-in, darker tints can help hold shattered glass together, reducing the risk of injury from flying shards. This added safety feature is invaluable for protecting occupants in vehicles, making darker tints a practical choice for public safety. The benefits of darker tints extend far beyond aesthetics, offering tangible improvements in safety, health, energy efficiency, and privacy.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

January 29, 2025

Scott Edinger
Chief of Police
Jamestown Police Department

House Transportation Committee
Chairman Ruby and Committee Members,

I am submitting testimony in support of HB1340, which amends and reenacts subsection 4 of section 39-21-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating window time on motor vehicles.

The amendment in this bill would lower the percentage of permittable light transmission through the front driver and passenger side windows of a motor vehicle from fifty percent to thirty-five percent.

Allowing this change would put North Dakota in a more consistent position with most other states. Currently only 8 states and the District of Columbia are more restrictive than, and four other states are equal to North Dakota in tint restrictions. Thirty-six states have equal or less restrictive tint laws compared to what is proposed in HB 1340. For this reason, I believe it is a good compromise with the traditional arguments law enforcement has made against window tint versus the benefits of having slightly darker tint.

Traditionally, law enforcement has argued against darker tint for officer safety on traffic stops, as very dark tint can limit an officer's ability to see into a motor vehicle to observe threats and see violations of law. However, thirty-five percent light transmittance still lows visibility into a motor vehicle, even at night, while still providing the added benefits in reducing glare for drivers with light sensitivity, protection from modern high glare LED lighting, reduced interior temperatures, reduced UV damage, and protection from car break-ins.

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee members, I respectfully request you vote a **Do Pass** on HB 1340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Edinger", written in dark ink.

Scott Edinger

HB 1340
Testimony in favor.

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee.

I am writing to you to respectfully request a Do Pass recommendation from this committee on House Bill 1340.

I am writing to you on behalf of my wife, who has blue eyes and also wears glasses. (In case you didn't know, people with blue eyes are generally more sensitive to light than those with other colors.) For her, the sheer brightness of a sunny winter day, with the snow reflecting the light from all sides, can cause rather severe headaches. For my wife, and those with similar light sensitivity, the ability to use a darker side window tint would be a great benefit, and would make the task of driving our growing family to necessary appointments and events just that little bit easier.

Thank you for your consideration, and please vote for a "Do Pass" recommendation on HB 1340.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bornemann
Kintyre, ND

Legislative Assembly

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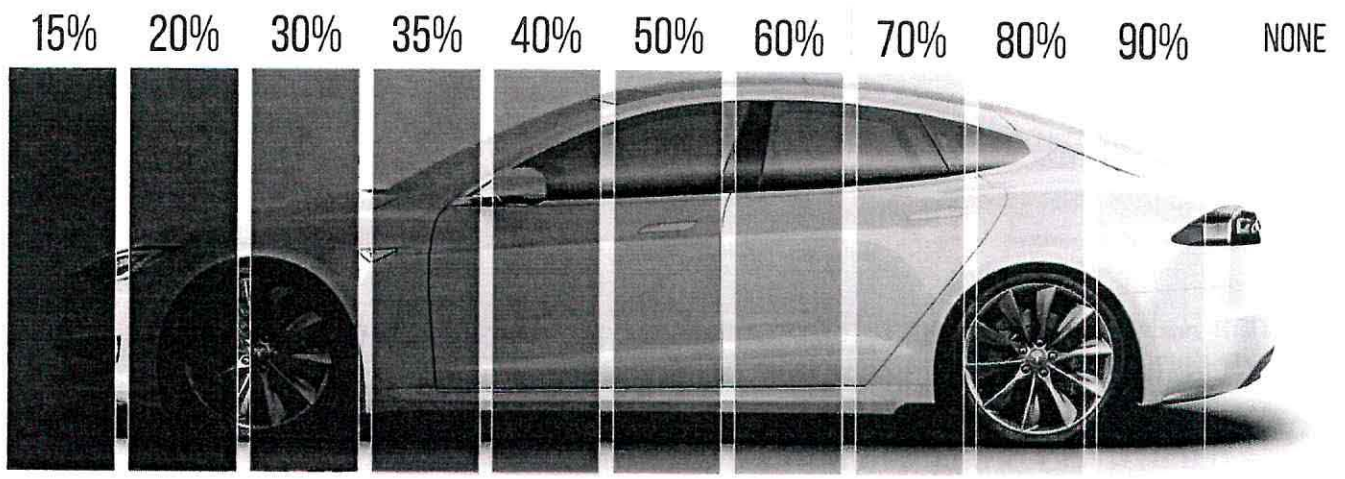
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This is a bill that was brought to me by a constituent. After talking a couple of my legislator colleagues, I also learned there is a sheriff in favor of this action and I introduced this bill.

I bring you HB 1340 which changes the allowable window tint amount from 50% to 35%. The neighboring state of South Dakota is at 35%, Montana is 24% Minnesota is at 50%

It makes sense to have a lower % window tint like our neighbors. Do we want to punish out of state travelers for following their laws but not our law? I think this is an unnecessary ticket for out of state travelers. Tourism is our 3rd largest industry in North Dakota, let's not punish out of state travelers.

Chairman Rudy & committee, please give HB 1340 a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you. I will stand for questions.



2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1340
1/31/2025

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9:51 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Johnston, Hendrix, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

9:52 a.m. Representative Morton moved a Do Pass.

9:52 Representative Johnston seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	N
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N

9:53 a.m. Motion passed 12-2-0.

9:53 a.m. Representative Morton will carry the bill.

9:53 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1340 ([25.1041.02000](#))

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1340 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1340 10:30 AM
3/6/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 39-21-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle window tint.

10:30 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Window tint citations
- Measuring window tint levels

10:30 a.m. Representative Vetter, District 18, introduced HB 1340, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39241.

10:35 a.m. Representative Headland, District 29, testified in favor.

10:36 a.m. Chad Kaiser, Sheriff, Stutsman County, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38985.

10:44 a.m. Terry Effertz, Attorney, ND Law, testified in favor.

10:46 a.m. Tom Iverson, Chief of Operations, NDHP, testified neutral.

10:56 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

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We are talking about Front driver and passenger window.

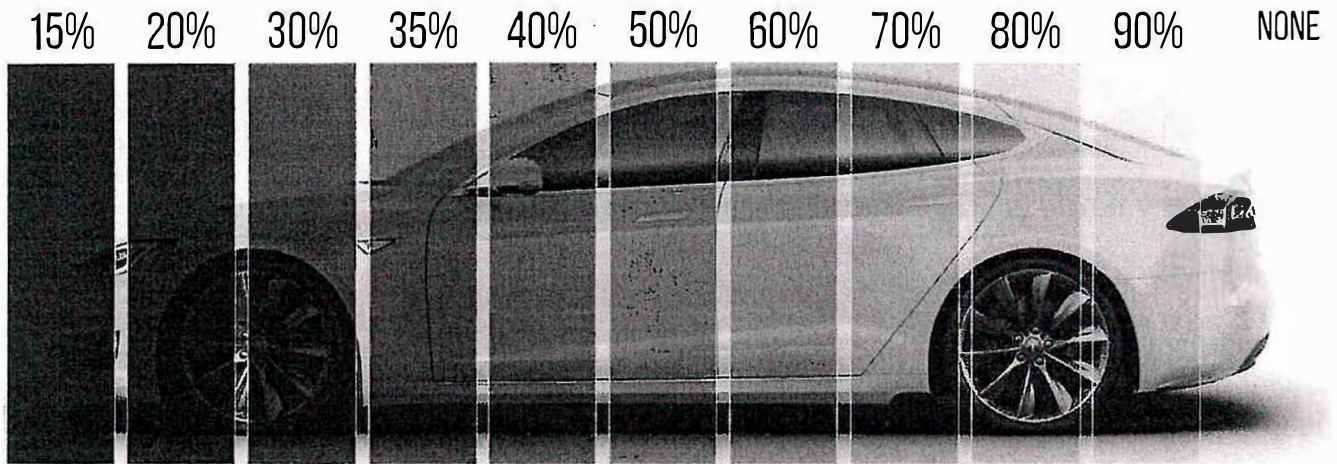
Window tint helps people sensitive to light is one reason for the change. This is true is the summer and the snow glare in the winter and with modern LED lights at night. In addition, it helps block harmful UV light.

It keeps the car and equipment inside of the car cooler during the summer months. New car windshields are usually at 70% indicating in the front windshield having a little tint is safe.

Many people enjoy aesthetic look of the tint and with the newer car there are other devices like blind side lights and other computerized devices for safety.

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1340 11:12 AM
3/6/2025

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11:12 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

11:12 a.m. Vice Chairwoman Cory moved a Do Pass.

11:12 a.m. Senator Paulson seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	AB
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-1.

Vice Chairwoman Cory will carry the bill.

11:13 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1340 ([25.1041.02000](#))

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1340 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.