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**HOUSE BILL 1087  
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Short Title: Windshields Required and Inspected.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO REQUIRE WINDSHIELDS ON PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES  
SUBJECT TO VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-127 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a1) Every private passenger vehicle subject to safety inspection requirements in accordance with Part 2 of Article 3A of this Chapter shall be equipped with a windshield made of a type of safety glass approved by the Commissioner that is:

(1) Free from any obstructions to the driver's vision of the road.

(2) Free from cracks, scratches, or breaks that obstruct the driver's vision of the road."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-183.3(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Safety. – A safety inspection of a motor vehicle consists of an inspection of the following equipment to determine if the vehicle has the equipment required by Part 9 of Article 3 of this Chapter and if the equipment is in a safe operating condition:

(1) Brakes, as required by G.S. 20-124.

(2) Lights, as required by G.S. 20-129 or G.S. 20-129.1.

(3) Horn, as required by G.S. 20-125(a).

(4) Steering mechanism, as required by G.S. 20-123.1.

(5) ~~Windows~~ Windows, windshield, and windshield wipers, as required by G.S. 20-127. To determine if a vehicle window meets the window tinting restrictions, a safety inspection mechanic must first determine, based on use of an automotive film check card or knowledge of window tinting techniques, if after-factory tint has been applied to the window. If after-factory tint has been applied, the mechanic must use a light meter approved by the Commissioner to determine if the window meets the window tinting restrictions.

(6) Directional signals, as required by G.S. 20-125.1.

(7) Tires, as required by G.S. 20-122.1.

- 1           (8)   Mirrors, as required by G.S. 20-126.  
2           (9)   Exhaust system, as required by G.S. 20-128. For a vehicle that is  
3           subject to an emissions inspection in addition to a safety inspection, a  
4           visual inspection of the vehicle's emission-control devices is included  
5           in the emissions inspection rather than the safety inspection."  
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**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.