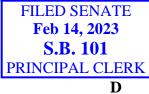
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023



SENATE BILL DRS45051-MW-7

Short Title:	Window Tint/Inspection/Approach of LEO.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Johnson (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2	AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SAFETY INSPECTION OF TINTED WINDOWS AND TO		
3	REQUIRE A DRIVER TO LOWER A TINTED WINDOW UPON THE APPROACH OF		
4	A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.		
5	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
6	SECTION 1. G.S. 20-183.3(a) reads as rewritten:		
7	"§ 20-183.3. Scope of safety inspection and emissions inspection.		
8	(a) Safety. – A safety inspection of a motor vehicle consists of an inspection of the		
9	following equipment to determine if the vehicle has the equipment required by Part 9 of Article		
10	3 of this Chapter and if the equipment is in a safe operating condition:		
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12	(5) Windows and windshield wipers, as required by G.S. 20-127. To determine if		
13	a vehicle window meets the window tinting restrictions, a safety inspection		
14	mechanic must first determine, based on use of an automotive film check card		
15	or knowledge of window tinting techniques, if after-factory tint has been		
16	applied to the window. If after-factory tint has been applied, the mechanic		
17	must use a light meter approved by the Commissioner to determine if the		
18	window meets the window tinting restrictions. Windshield wipers, as required		
19	<u>by G.S. 20-127(a).</u>		
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21	SECTION 2. G.S. 20-183.7(a) reads as rewritten:		
22	"§ 20-183.7. Fees for performing an inspection and issuing an electronic inspection		
23	authorization to a vehicle; use of civil penalties.		
24	(a) Fee Amount. – When a fee applies to an inspection of a vehicle or the issuance of an		
25	electronic inspection authorization, the fee must be collected. The following fees apply to an		
26 27	inspection of a vehicle and the issuance of an electronic inspection authorization:		
27 28	TypeInspectionAuthorizationSafety Only\$12.75\$.85		
28 29	Emissions and Safety 23.75 6.25.		
29 30	The fee for performing an inspection of a vehicle applies when an inspection is performed,		
30 31	regardless of whether the vehicle passes the inspection. The fee for an electronic inspection		
32	authorization applies when an electronic inspection authorization is issued to a vehicle. The fee		
33	for inspecting after factory tinted windows shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), and the fee applies only		
34	to an inspection performed with a light meter after a safety inspection mechanic determined that		
35	the window had after-factory tint. A safety inspection mechanic shall not inspect an after-factory		
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tinted window of a vehicle for which the Division has issued a medical exception permit pursuant 1 2 to G.S. 20-127(f). 3 A vehicle that is inspected at an inspection station and fails the inspection is entitled to be 4 reinspected at the same station at any time within 60 days of the failed inspection without paying 5 another inspection fee. 6 The inspection fee for an emissions and safety inspection set out in this subsection is the 7 maximum amount that an inspection station or an inspection mechanic may charge for an 8 emissions and safety inspection of a vehicle. An inspection station or an inspection mechanic 9 may charge the maximum amount or any lesser amount for an emissions and safety inspection 10 of a vehicle. The inspection fee for a safety only inspection set out in this subsection may not be increased or decreased. The authorization fees set out in this subsection may not be increased or 11 12 decreased." 13 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-127 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: 14 The driver of a vehicle with tinted windows shall roll down the driver side window "(g) upon the approach of a law enforcement officer. If the officer approaches from the passenger 15 side, the driver shall roll down the passenger window." 16 17 SECTION 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses

18 committed on or after that date.