

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 855**

Short Title: Exempt Private Investigators/Window Tinting. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Snow.

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Referred to: Judiciary II (Criminal).

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1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS LICENSED BY THE  
3 PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 JUSTICE FROM THE WINDOW TINTING REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 20  
5 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7                   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-127(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to  
8 read:

9 "**§ 20-127. Windows and windshield wipers.**

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11           (c) Tinting Exceptions. – The window tinting restrictions in subsection (b) of this  
12 section apply without exception to the windshield of a vehicle. The window tinting  
13 restrictions in subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section do not apply to any of the  
14 following vehicle windows:

- 15           (1) A window of an excursion passenger vehicle, as defined in  
16           G.S. 20-4.01(27)a.
- 17           (2) A window of a for-hire passenger vehicle, as defined in  
18           G.S. 20-4.01(27)b.
- 19           (3) A window of a common carrier of passengers, as defined in  
20           G.S. 20-4.01(27)c.
- 21           (4) A window of a motor home, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d2.
- 22           (5) A window of an ambulance, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)f.
- 23           (6) The rear window of a property-hauling vehicle, as defined in  
24           G.S. 20-4.01(31).
- 25           (7) A window of a limousine.
- 26           (8) A window of a law enforcement vehicle.
- 27           (9) A window of a multipurpose vehicle that is behind the driver of the  
28           vehicle. A multipurpose vehicle is a passenger vehicle that is designed  
29           to carry 10 or fewer passengers and either is constructed on a truck

- 1 chassis or has special features designed for occasional off-road  
2 operation. A minivan and a pickup truck are multipurpose vehicles.  
3 (10) A window of a vehicle that is registered in another state and meets the  
4 requirements of the state in which it is registered.  
5 (11) A window of a vehicle for which the Division has issued a medical  
6 exception permit under subsection (f) of this section.  
7 (12) A window of a vehicle that is being operated by a private investigator  
8 as defined in G.S. 74C-3(a)(8) and who is properly licensed by the  
9 Private Protective Services Board as required in G.S. 74C-2.

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11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to  
12 offenses committed on or after that date.