



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



NOTICE

WINDOW TINT MEDICAL EXEMPTION

(EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019)

ALL CERTIFIED INSPECTION STATIONS AND INSPECTORS

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, TRC 547.613, SECTION 4.20.35 IN THE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION MANUAL HAS BEEN REVISED TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS BY WHICH A VEHICLE OWNER MAY OBTAIN A SAFETY INSPECTION OF A VEHICLE IN THE EVENT THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH WINDOW TINT IN VIOLATION OF TRANSPORTATION CODE, § 547.613.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MANUAL FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION STATIONS AND CERTIFIED INSPECTORS IS REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 4.20.35

3. Medical Waiver

- a. The inspector may waive the above requirements and pass a vehicle that would otherwise fail inspection based on the presence of window tint if the vehicle owner presents documentation from a physician indicating the vehicle owner has a medical reason to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun. The presentation of such documentation should be noted in the appropriate inspection database, but the documentation should not be retained or copied.**
- b. The applicable vehicle may have a darker tint on the front side windows and the upper portion of the front windshield (top 5 inches or above the AS-1 line, whichever is less). The vehicle may not have a sun screening device on any portion of the front windshield below the top 5 inches or the AS-1 line, whichever is less.**
- c. The inspector should advise the vehicle owner that passage of the inspection based on the presentation of the documentation described in subsection (a) does not foreclose potential prosecution under Transportation Code Section 547.613 and is not itself evidence of the vehicle owner's medical condition. Whether the vehicle owner is in violation of Section 547.613 is a matter within the discretion of law enforcement and the courts.**