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NEW WINDOW TINTING LAWS FOR SA MOTORISTS

New laws regarding car window tinting will come into effect in South Australia on January 1 next year.

Road Safety Minister, Michael O'Brien says the changes will bring South Australia into line with window tinting laws in the other states.

"The lack of window tinting uniformity has caused a lot of confusion, both in the industry and with car owners who've moved here from interstate," Mr O'Brien said.

"South Australia will be reducing the minimum visible light transmittance (VLT) from 70 per cent to 35 per cent for the driver and front passenger windows to allow for a consistent national approach from January 1 next year.

"Other states already allow a minimum of 35 per cent for these two windows and this change will mean we'll have the same window tinting laws that apply everywhere else in Australia," Mr O'Brien said.

"Window tinting is measured by the percentage of visible light which can be transmitted through the window - the lower the percentage, the darker the tint that can be applied to the window.

"The VLT requirements in South Australia for rear passenger windows and the front and rear windscreen is already in line with other jurisdictions and will not change.

"All states require a minimum VLT of 75 per cent for the front windscreen. This is the minimum requirement set in the Australian Design Rules.

"Other new amendments also include minor changes to the vehicle standards rules to clarify the test for parking brakes; recognise the Australian Standard for natural gas fuel systems and adopt a revised motor vehicle stationary exhaust noise test procedure," Mr O'Brien said.