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Request: Exemption to current law on Tinted Windows (KSA 8-1749 d)

As a licensed private investigator we are called upon to provide many services for the Kansas Courts as well as private industry. There are times when the success of completing the assignment is based on our ability to remain near the subject without detection. Using tinted windows allows such an opportunity because the subject cannot detect us in the vehicle.

There are two major safety factors to consider. The first is tinting allows us a level of personal security. Individuals are less likely to detect us in the vehicle and therefore not be tempted to approach or make advanced plans to cause us harm. Secondly, vehicles such as vans or vehicles with curtains and pickup trucks with camper shells greatly reduce the visibility level for both the driver and an approaching officer.

Utilizing this type of cover creates two negatives of safety. The vehicle driver has limited visibility to the sides and the rear due to the interference of each device. While limiting the drivers view it greatly reduces an approaching officer's view. He cannot see through the curtains or into the side of a van that has covers or a camper shell that shields the back window.

Beyond the safety there is a consideration to the success of a case. When court process service or workers compensation case is made there is a monetary savings which benefits everyone.

I completely understand the statute as it exists to allow officer's visibility of vehicle interiors and the occupants. However, I feel strongly that private investigators normally lower their windows when an officer approaches allowing such visibility for the officer's safety.

I respectfully ask that **Kansas Licensed Private Investigators** be allowed an exception to the statute KSA -8-1749 d. and be allowed to have tinted windows beyond the current requirement.

Respectfully,

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