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State/Cite	Travel Trailers		Fifth-Wheel Trailers		Comments
	Required	Not Required	Required	Not Required	
Alabama Ala.Code 1975 § 32-5-218		X		X	
Alaska 13 AK ADC 04.225		X		X	
Arizona A.R.S. § 28-959		X		X	
Arkansas A.C.A. § 27-37-301		X		X	
California West's Ann.Cal.Vehicle Code § 26701		X	X Trailer Coach		A fifth-wheel cannot be sold, offered for sale or operated in CA unless it is equipped with safety glazing materials wherever glazing materials are used in windows or doors, interior partitions, and openings in roof.
Colorado C.R.S.A. § 42-4-229		X		X	
Connecticut C.G.S.A. § 14-100	X Motor Vehicle		X Motor Vehicle		Applies to vehicles registered in state. Motor vehicle definition includes RV trailers. In lieu of safety glass, the commissioner may permit the use of plastic materials manufactured and processed into transparent sheets, at such locations as he designates.
Delaware 21 Del.C. § 4312	X Trailer		X Trailer		Applies to vehicles registered in state. Required wherever glass is used in partitions, doors, windows or windshields.
Florida West's F.S.A. § 316.2952		X		X	
Georgia Ga. Code Ann., § 40-8-78		X		X	

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Hawaii HRS § 291-21.5		X		X	Each island's local government may have specific requirements.
Idaho I.C. § 49-945		X		X	
Illinois 625 ILCS 5/12-501		X		X	
Indiana IC 9-19-19-5		X		X	
Iowa I.C.A. § 321.444		X		X	
Kansas K.S.A. 8-1743		X		X	
Kentucky KRS § 189.120	X Motor Vehicle		X Motor Vehicle		Motor vehicle definition includes RV trailers.
Louisiana LSA-R.S. 32:359		X		X	
Maine 29-A M.R.S.A. § 1915		X		X	
Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 22-406		X		X	

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Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 90 § 9A		X		X	
Michigan M.C.L.A. 257.711		X		X	
Minnesota M.S.A. § 169.74		X		X	
Mississippi Miss. Code Ann. § 63-7-61		X		X	
Missouri V.A.M.S. 307.140		X		X	
Montana MCA 61-9-408		X		X	
Nebraska Neb.Rev.St. § 60-6,263		X		X	
Nevada N.R.S. 484.623		X		X	
New Hampshire N.H. Rev. Stat. § 266:58		X		X	
New Jersey N.J.S.A. 39:3-75	X Motor Vehicle		X Motor Vehicle		Motor vehicle definition includes RV trailers.

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New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-3-848		X		X	
New York McKinney's Vehicle and Traffic Law § 375		X		X	
North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-135	X Motor Vehicle		X Motor Vehicle		Applies to vehicles registered in state. Motor vehicle definition includes RV trailers.
North Dakota NDCC, 39-21-41		X		X	
Ohio R.C. § 4513.26	X Motor Vehicle		X Motor Vehicle		Motor vehicle definition includes RV trailers.
Oklahoma 47 Okl.St. Ann. § 12-406		X		X	
Oregon O.R.S. § 815.210		X		X	
Pennsylvania 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 4526 67 PA ADC § 175.126		X		X	PA statute includes an exception for house trailers. State defines house trailers as RV trailers.
Rhode Island Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-23-22		X		X	

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South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-5-5010		X		X	
South Dakota SDCL § 32-15-1		X		X	
Tennessee T. C. A. § 55-9-208		X		X	
Texas V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 547.608	X Camper		X Camper		Camper definition includes RV trailers and truck campers.
Utah UT ADC R714-158		X		X	
Vermont 23 V.S.A. § 1242		X Trailer Coach		X Trailer Coach	Trailer coach definition includes RV trailers; trailer coaches are exempt from statute.
Virginia Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1056	X Motor Vehicle		X Motor Vehicle		VA permits state-approved safety glazing materials to be used in lieu of glass. Motor vehicle definition includes RV trailers.
Washington West's RCWA 46.37.430		X		X	
West Virginia W. Va. Code, § 17C-15-38		X		X	

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Wisconsin W.S.A. 347.43		X Motor Vehicle	X Motor Vehicle		WI considers a combination of two or more vehicles to be a motor vehicle. WI permits state-approved safety glazing materials to be used in lieu of glass.
Wyoming W.S.1977 § 31-5-935		X		X	
District of Columbia Rule18 DC ADC § 734		X		X	

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