
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2493

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilmer, Lantz and Ericks)

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting access to law enforcement and emergency
2 equipment and vehicles; amending RCW 46.37.195; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 protect the public to ensure that only federal, state, and local law
7 enforcement and emergency personnel, public or private, have access to
8 emergency equipment and vehicles.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.195 and 1990 c 94 s 2 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a public
12 agency, business, entity, or person shall not sell or give emergency
13 vehicle lighting equipment or other equipment to a person who may not
14 lawfully operate the lighting equipment or other equipment on the
15 public streets and highways. Prior to selling or giving an emergency
16 vehicle to a person or entity that is not a public law enforcement or
17 emergency agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or
18 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business

1 within or outside the state, the seller or donor must remove all
2 emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol,
3 radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicles that was
4 not originally installed by the original vehicle manufacturer. If the
5 equipment is not retained or transferred to another public law
6 enforcement or emergency agency within or outside the state, public law
7 enforcement or emergency agency in another country, or private
8 ambulance business within or outside the state, the equipment must be
9 dismantled with the individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior
10 to being disposed of. The agency must also remove all decals, state
11 and local designated law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not
12 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer.

13 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the sale or
14 donation to a broker specializing in the resale of emergency vehicles,
15 or a charitable organization, intending to deliver the vehicle or
16 equipment to a public law enforcement or emergency agency within or
17 outside the state, public law enforcement or emergency agency in
18 another country, or private ambulance business within or outside the
19 state, is allowed with the emergency equipment still installed and
20 intact. If the broker or charitable organization sells or donates the
21 emergency vehicle to a person or entity that is not a public law
22 enforcement or emergency agency, or private ambulance business, the
23 broker or charitable organization must remove the equipment and
24 designations and shall be accountable and responsible for the removal
25 of the equipment and designations not installed on the vehicle by the
26 original vehicle manufacturer. Equipment not sold or donated to a
27 public law enforcement or emergency agency, or a private ambulance
28 business, must be removed and transferred, destroyed, or recycled in
29 accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

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