
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6356

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Rockefeller, and Kastama)

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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, or other
8 entities authorized by law to use emergency equipment have access to
9 emergency equipment and vehicles.

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

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

1 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business
2 within or outside the state, the seller or donor must remove all
3 emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol,
4 radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicle, except for
5 reflective stripes and paint on fire trucks, that was not originally
6 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer and that visibly
7 identifies the vehicle as an emergency vehicle from the exterior,
8 including confinement or rear seat safety cages. If the equipment is
9 not retained or transferred to another public law enforcement or
10 emergency agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or
11 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business
12 within or outside the state, the equipment must be dismantled with the
13 individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior to being disposed
14 of. The agency must also remove all decals, state and local designated
15 law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not installed by the
16 original vehicle manufacturer.

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

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