

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires law enforcement agency to alter police vehicle by removing all up-fitted items including spotlights, so that it no longer resembles police vehicle before selling or transferring title. Creates the offense of operating an imposter police vehicle making it a class a traffic violation for operating a vehicle that is painted in a manner that resembles a police vehicle. Creates exemptions for various entities that legitimately operate vehicles that resemble real police vehicles.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Some people use old police cars in order to imitate real police officers and engage in illegal behavior
- Currently it is practice of police to remove all up-fitted items before selling the cars anyway

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Amendment requires that police agencies alter the police vehicles before selling them; and creates the crime of owning a police vehicle that you have not painted over the original paint job. Also adds exceptions to the imposter police vehicle traffic violation.

BACKGROUND: Owners of retired police vehicles look like they are driving in current police vehicles. This can confuse the public, and allow some people to take advantage of the misapprehension. This bill would require retired police vehicles to be altered so that they no longer resemble police vehicles.