



DATE: March 20, 2026
TO: Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
RE: Support of House File 3356 (Huot)

Dear Members:

Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), the Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association (MSPTA), the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agents Association (BCAAA), and the Minnesota Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Agents Association (FAAA) collectively represent more than 8,800 law enforcement officers and public safety professionals across Minnesota.

Our organizations support House File 3356 (Huot): This legislation addresses a critical public safety concern by requiring that emergency vehicles sold or transferred to the public have all identifying equipment and insignia removed prior to sale. As outlined in the bill, this includes lights, sirens, emblems, and any features that could lead a reasonable person to believe the vehicle is an active public safety vehicle.

The misuse of former law enforcement or emergency vehicles poses a real and growing threat. Individuals may exploit these vehicles to impersonate law enforcement, facilitate criminal activity, or create confusion during emergency situations. By ensuring that these vehicles are stripped of identifying features before entering the public marketplace, HF 3356 takes a proactive step to prevent such misuse and protect the public.

Importantly, the legislation balances public safety with legitimate collector interests by including a narrow exemption for vehicles used solely for display purposes.

For these reasons, our organizations strongly urge your support for HF 3356. This is a common sense measure that enhances public trust, reduces opportunities for criminal impersonation, and supports the safety of both the public and our law enforcement officers.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to public safety in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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