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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring removal of identifying equipment and insignia
1.3 from emergency vehicles sold to the public; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [169.981] SALE OR TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "Public safety vehicle" has the
1.8 same meaning as "authorized emergency vehicle" in section 169.011, subdivision 3.

1.9 Subd. 2. Prohibition. A person may not sell or transfer a public safety vehicle to the
1.10 public unless the person first removes any equipment or insignia that could mislead a
1.11 reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a public safety vehicle, including any
1.12 emergency light, siren, amber warning light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline
1.13 of an emblem, or emergency vehicle equipment.

1.14 Subd. 3. Certificate of compliance. (a) Public safety agencies, before consummating
1.15 the sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle, must provide a certificate of compliance to
1.16 the transferee confirming that the vehicle has had the public safety markings removed.

1.17 (b) Sellers and auction houses, before consummating the sale or transfer of a public
1.18 safety vehicle, must provide a certificate of compliance to the transferee confirming that
1.19 the vehicle has had the public safety markings removed.

1.20 (c) The commissioner of public safety must design a standard certificate of compliance
1.21 form and make the form publicly available without fee on the agency's publicly accessible
1.22 website using existing appropriations.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Violations.** (a) A person who sells or transfers a public safety vehicle to the  
2.2 public in violation of this section is liable for:

2.3 (1) damages proximately caused by the use of that vehicle during the commission of a  
2.4 crime; and

2.5 (2) a civil penalty of \$2,500.

2.6 (b) Civil penalties collected under this subdivision must be deposited in the Minnesota  
2.7 victims of crime account created in section 299A.708.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Enforcement.** The attorney general may bring an action to recover the civil  
2.9 penalty established under subdivision 4.

2.10 Subd. 6. **Exemption.** Sales or transfers of public safety vehicles to members of the public  
2.11 for purpose of collection or display are exempt from the requirements of this section if the  
2.12 vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation  
2.13 purposes and is registered under section 168.10, subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1g, or 1h.