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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3358

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting the detention and transport of suspects in
1.3 vehicles that are not designed for detaining humans and designated as law
1.4 enforcement vehicles; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.5 629.

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

1.7 Section 1. 629.321 DETENTION AND TRANSPORT OF SUSPECTS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "peace officer" has the meaning
1.9 given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and also includes any officer or agent
1.10 of a federal law enforcement agency or any law enforcement agency of another state or any
1.11 person acting on behalf of a federal law enforcement agency or law enforcement agency of
1.12 another state.

1.13 Subd. 2. Prohibition. If a peace officer needs to detain or transport a person in a vehicle,
1.14 the vehicle must:

1.15 (1) be specifically designed to transport humans safely;

1.16 (2) be owned or leased by a law enforcement agency; and

1.17 (3) contain conspicuous markings that identify the law enforcement agency that owns
1.18 or leases the vehicle.

1.19 At a minimum, a vehicle must be equipped with a seat and seat belt for each person being
1.20 detained or transported to satisfy clause (1).

2.1 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) Subdivision 2 does not apply when exigent circumstances
2.2 present an imminent danger to the life or physical safety of a peace officer, a person being
2.3 detained or transported, or bystanders.

2.4 (b) Subdivision 2, clause (3), does not apply to investigations that require a peace officer
2.5 to be undercover to protect the safety of the officer or others.