

Subject Public safety vehicles; sale or transfer

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Overview

This bill sets requirements to remove identifying insignia and equipment before a public safety vehicle is sold or transferred to the general public and provides for civil penalties for a violation. Effective August 1, 2026.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | <p>[Adds § 169.981] Sale or transfer of public safety vehicle.</p> <p>Sets limitations on sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle and provides for violations.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “public safety vehicle” for the section, which includes police vehicles and municipal emergency vehicles.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Prohibition. Prohibits sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle that is equipped with emergency or public safety equipment and insignia that could misleadingly identify it as a public safety vehicle.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Certificate of compliance. Requires a certificate of compliance accompanying sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle. Directs the Department of Public Safety to design the certificate and make it available online without charge.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Violations. Establishes liability and civil penalties for sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle in violation of the marking and equipment limitations.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Enforcement. Provides explicit authority for the attorney general to bring a civil lawsuit for a violation.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Exemption. Creates an exemption for vehicles registered as a collector’s item.</p> |
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