

SSB 6356 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
4 protect the public to ensure that only federal, state, and local law
5 enforcement and emergency personnel, public or private, or other
6 entities authorized by law to use emergency equipment have access to
7 emergency equipment and vehicles.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.195 and 1990 c 94 s 2 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a public
11 agency, business, entity, or person shall not sell or give emergency
12 vehicle lighting equipment or other equipment to a person who may not
13 lawfully operate the lighting equipment or other equipment on the
14 public streets and highways. Prior to selling or giving an emergency
15 vehicle to a person or entity that is not a public law enforcement or
16 emergency agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or
17 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business
18 within or outside the state, the seller or donor must remove all
19 emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol,
20 radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicle, except for
21 reflective stripes and paint on fire trucks, that was not originally
22 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer and that visibly
23 identifies the vehicle as an emergency vehicle from the exterior,
24 including spotlights and confinement or rear seat safety cages. If the
25 equipment is not retained or transferred to another public law
26 enforcement or emergency agency within or outside the state, public law
27 enforcement or emergency agency in another country, or private
28 ambulance business within or outside the state, the equipment must be
29 dismantled with the individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior

1 to being disposed of. The agency must also remove all decals, state
2 and local designated law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not
3 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer.

4 (2) The sale or donation to a broker specializing in the resale of
5 emergency vehicles, or a charitable organization, intending to deliver
6 the vehicle or equipment to a public law enforcement or emergency
7 agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or emergency
8 agency in another country, or private ambulance business within or
9 outside the state, is allowed with the emergency equipment still
10 installed and intact. If the broker or charitable organization sells
11 or donates the emergency vehicle to a person or entity that is not a
12 public law enforcement or emergency agency, or private ambulance
13 business, the broker or charitable organization must remove the
14 equipment and designations and is accountable and responsible for the
15 removal of the equipment and designations not installed on the vehicle
16 by the original vehicle manufacturer. Equipment not sold or donated to
17 a public law enforcement or emergency agency, or a private ambulance
18 business, must be removed and transferred, destroyed, or recycled in
19 accordance with subsection (1) of this section."

20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: A spotlight is identified specifically as one of the items that must be removed from an emergency vehicle prior to selling or donating the vehicle to a person or entity that is not a public law enforcement or emergency agency or a private ambulance business.

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