

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6356

Chapter 117, Laws of 2010

61st Legislature
2010 Regular Session

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES--SALE OR
TRANSFER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/10/10

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2010
YEAS 48 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 3, 2010
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved March 18, 2010, 2:49 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6356** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

FILED

March 18, 2010

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Rockefeller, and Kastama)

READ FIRST TIME 01/28/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting access to law enforcement and emergency
2 equipment and vehicles; amending RCW 46.37.195; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

12 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a public
13 agency, business, entity, or person shall not sell or give emergency
14 vehicle lighting equipment or other equipment to a person who may not
15 lawfully operate the lighting equipment or other equipment on the
16 public streets and highways. Prior to selling or giving an emergency
17 vehicle to a person or entity that is not a public law enforcement or
18 emergency agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or

1 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business
2 within or outside the state, the seller or donor must remove all
3 emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol,
4 radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicle, except for
5 reflective stripes and paint on fire trucks, that was not originally
6 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer and that visibly
7 identifies the vehicle as an emergency vehicle from the exterior,
8 including spotlights and confinement or rear seat safety cages. If the
9 equipment is not retained or transferred to another public law
10 enforcement or emergency agency within or outside the state, public law
11 enforcement or emergency agency in another country, or private
12 ambulance business within or outside the state, the equipment must be
13 dismantled with the individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior
14 to being disposed of. The agency must also remove all decals, state
15 and local designated law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not
16 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer.

17 (2) The sale or donation to a broker specializing in the resale of
18 emergency vehicles, or a charitable organization, intending to deliver
19 the vehicle or equipment to a public law enforcement or emergency
20 agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or emergency
21 agency in another country, or private ambulance business within or
22 outside the state, is allowed with the emergency equipment still
23 installed and intact. If the broker or charitable organization sells
24 or donates the emergency vehicle to a person or entity that is not a
25 public law enforcement or emergency agency, or private ambulance
26 business, the broker or charitable organization must remove the
27 equipment and designations and is accountable and responsible for the
28 removal of the equipment and designations not installed on the vehicle
29 by the original vehicle manufacturer. Equipment not sold or donated to
30 a public law enforcement or emergency agency, or a private ambulance
31 business, must be removed and transferred, destroyed, or recycled in
32 accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

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