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By Committee on Transportation

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, have access to
6 emergency equipment and vehicles.

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

9 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a public
10 agency, business, entity, or person shall not sell or give emergency
11 vehicle lighting equipment or other equipment to a person who may not
12 lawfully operate the lighting equipment or other equipment on the
13 public streets and highways. Prior to selling or giving an emergency
14 vehicle to a person or entity that is not a public law enforcement or
15 emergency agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or
16 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business
17 within or outside the state, the seller or donor must remove all
18 emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol,
19 radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicles that, as
20 determined by the Washington state patrol, tends to identify a vehicle
21 as a law enforcement or other emergency vehicle. If the equipment is
22 not retained or transferred to another public law enforcement or
23 emergency agency within or outside the state, public law enforcement or
24 emergency agency in another country, or private ambulance business
25 within or outside the state, the equipment must be dismantled with the
26 individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior to being disposed
27 of. The agency must also remove all decals, state and local designated
28 law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not installed by the
29 original vehicle manufacturer.

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

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18 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "vehicles;" strike the
19 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 46.37.195; and creating
20 a new section."

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