
HOUSE BILL 2493

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Committee on Transportation.

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 have access to emergency equipment
8 and vehicles.

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

11 A public agency, business, entity, or person shall not sell or give
12 emergency vehicle lighting equipment or other equipment to a person who
13 may not lawfully operate the lighting equipment or other equipment on
14 the public streets and highways. Prior to selling or giving an
15 emergency vehicle to a person or entity that is not a state or local
16 law enforcement or emergency agency, the seller or donor must remove
17 all emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state
18 patrol, radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicles

1 that was not originally installed by the original vehicle manufacturer.
2 If the equipment is not sold to another state or local law enforcement
3 or emergency agency, the equipment must be dismantled with the
4 individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior to being disposed
5 of. The agency must also remove all decals, state and local designated
6 law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not installed by the
7 original vehicle manufacturer.

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