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SENATE BILL 6356

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By Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Rockefeller, and Kastama

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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, have access to  
8 emergency equipment and vehicles.

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

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

1 within or outside the state, the seller or donor must remove all  
2 emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol,  
3 radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicle that was not  
4 originally installed by the original vehicle manufacturer. If the  
5 equipment is not retained or transferred to another public law  
6 enforcement or emergency agency within or outside the state, public law  
7 enforcement or emergency agency in another country, or private  
8 ambulance business within or outside the state, the equipment must be  
9 dismantled with the individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior  
10 to being disposed of. The agency must also remove all decals, state  
11 and local designated law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not  
12 installed by the original vehicle manufacturer.

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

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