

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Taddeo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to police vehicles; amending s.
3 319.14, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly
4 selling, exchanging, or transferring a police vehicle
5 without removing any police markings from the vehicle;
6 requiring law enforcement agencies to provide written
7 confirmation that the police markings have been
8 removed; defining the term "police markings";
9 exempting sales, exchanges, or transfers of police
10 vehicles between law enforcement agencies from
11 specified requirements; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Present subsections (5) through (10) of section
16 319.14, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)
17 through (11), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to
18 that section, and present subsection (5) of that section is
19 republished, to read:

20 319.14 Sale of motor vehicles registered or used as
21 taxicabs, police vehicles, lease vehicles, rebuilt vehicles,
22 nonconforming vehicles, custom vehicles, or street rod vehicles;
23 conversion of low-speed vehicles.—

24 (5) A person may not knowingly sell, exchange, or transfer
25 a police vehicle without, before consummating the sale,
26 exchange, or transfer, removing any police markings from the
27 vehicle. Law enforcement agencies, before consummating the sale,
28 exchange, or transfer, shall provide an official letter of
29 notification to the purchaser, customer, or transferee

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30 confirming the fact that the vehicle has had the police markings
31 removed. For purposes of this subsection, the term "police
32 markings" means decals, stickers, distinctive paint schemes, or
33 other markings attached or applied to a police vehicle that
34 identify the vehicle as a police vehicle. Sales, exchanges, or
35 transfers of police vehicles between law enforcement agencies
36 are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

37 (6)~~(5)~~ A person who knowingly sells, exchanges, or offers
38 to sell or exchange a motor vehicle or mobile home contrary to
39 this section or any officer, agent, or employee of a person who
40 knowingly authorizes, directs, aids in, or consents to the sale,
41 exchange, or offer to sell or exchange a motor vehicle or mobile
42 home contrary to this section commits a misdemeanor of the
43 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
44 775.083.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.