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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       defining the term "police markings"; requiring law  
7       enforcement agencies to provide an official letter of  
8       notification that the police markings have been  
9       removed; requiring sellers and auction houses to  
10      provide an official letter of notification that the  
11      police markings have been removed; exempting sales,  
12      exchanges, or transfers of police vehicles between law  
13      enforcement agencies from specified requirements;  
14      exempting sales, exchanges, or transfers of police  
15      vehicles to members of the public for the purposes of  
16      collection or display from specified requirements;  
17      requiring that a specified notice be provided to  
18      certain purchasers, customers, and transferees;  
19      providing an effective date.

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

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23       Section 1. Present subsections (5) through (10) of section  
24       319.14, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)  
25       through (11), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to  
26       that section, and present subsection (5) of that section is  
27       republished, to read:

28       319.14 Sale of motor vehicles registered or used as  
29       taxicabs, police vehicles, lease vehicles, rebuilt vehicles,

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30 nonconforming vehicles, custom vehicles, or street rod vehicles;  
31 conversion of low-speed vehicles.-

32 (5) A person may not knowingly sell, exchange, or transfer  
33 a police vehicle without, before consummating the sale,  
34 exchange, or transfer, removing any police markings from the  
35 vehicle. For purposes of this subsection, the term "police  
36 markings" means decals, stickers, distinctive paint schemes, or  
37 other markings attached or applied to a police vehicle which  
38 identify the vehicle as a police vehicle.

39 (a) Law enforcement agencies, before consummating the sale,  
40 exchange, or transfer of a police vehicle, shall provide an  
41 official letter of notification to the purchaser, customer, or  
42 transferee confirming the fact that the vehicle has had the  
43 police markings removed.

44 (b) Sellers and auction houses, before consummating the  
45 sale, exchange, or transfer of a police vehicle, shall provide  
46 an official letter of notification to the purchaser, customer,  
47 or transferee confirming the fact that the vehicle has had the  
48 police markings removed.

49 (c)1. Sales, exchanges, or transfers of police vehicles  
50 between law enforcement agencies are exempt from the  
51 requirements of this subsection.

52 2. Sales, exchanges, or transfers of police vehicles to  
53 members of the general public for the purposes of collection or  
54 display are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.  
55 However, upon the sale, exchange, or transfer of a police  
56 vehicle for either of those purposes, the seller, exchanger, or  
57 transferor shall provide a notice to the purchaser, customer, or  
58 transferee in substantially the following form:

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USE OF THIS VEHICLE FOR THE DELIBERATE IMPERSONATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE IS A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 843.0855, FLORIDA STATUTES.

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

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