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H.B. No. 2850

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain law  
3 enforcement vehicles before removal of certain equipment and  
4 insignia.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 341, Local Government  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 341.9045 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 341.9045. SALE OR TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.  
9 A municipality may not sell or transfer a marked patrol car or other  
10 municipal law enforcement motor vehicle to the public unless the  
11 municipality first removes any equipment or insignia that could  
12 mislead a reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a law  
13 enforcement motor vehicle, including any police light, siren, amber  
14 warning light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline of  
15 an emblem, and emergency vehicle equipment.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 351, Local Government  
17 Code, is amended by adding Section 351.905 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 351.905. SALE OR TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.  
19 A county may not sell or transfer a marked patrol car or other  
20 county law enforcement motor vehicle to the public unless the  
21 county first removes any equipment or insignia that could mislead a  
22 reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a law enforcement  
23 motor vehicle, including any police light, siren, amber warning  
24 light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline of an

1 emblem, and emergency vehicle equipment.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.