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H.B. No. 473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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 2175, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 2175.907 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2175.907. SALE OR TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

9 The commission or another state agency, including an agency  
10 delegated the authority to dispose of surplus or salvage property  
11 under Section 2175.065, may not sell or transfer a marked patrol car  
12 or other law enforcement motor vehicle to the public unless the  
13 state agency first removes any equipment or insignia that could  
14 mislead a reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a law  
15 enforcement motor vehicle, including any police light, siren, amber  
16 warning light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline of  
17 an emblem, and emergency vehicle equipment.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 341, Local Government  
19 Code, is amended by adding Section 341.9045 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 341.9045. SALE OR TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

21 A municipality may not sell or transfer a marked patrol car or other  
22 municipal law enforcement motor vehicle to the public unless the  
23 municipality first removes any equipment or insignia that could  
24 mislead a reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a law

1 enforcement motor vehicle, including any police light, siren, amber  
2 warning light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline of  
3 an emblem, and emergency vehicle equipment.

4 SECTION 3. Subchapter Z, Chapter 351, Local Government  
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 351.905 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 351.905. SALE OR TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

7 A county may not sell or transfer a marked patrol car or other  
8 county law enforcement motor vehicle to the public unless the  
9 county first removes any equipment or insignia that could mislead a  
10 reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a law enforcement  
11 motor vehicle, including any police light, siren, amber warning  
12 light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline of an  
13 emblem, and emergency vehicle equipment.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.