

# SB0262S03 compared with SB0262

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## 1 Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

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### 3 LONG TITLE

#### 4 General Description:

5 This bill prohibits {~~an employee of~~} a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law  
enforcement vehicle {~~to initiate a stop~~} for certain {~~traffic violations~~} purposes.

#### 7 Highlighted Provisions:

8 This bill:

- 9 ▶ defines terms;
- 10 ▶ prohibits {~~an employee of~~} a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law enforcement  
vehicle {~~to initiate a stop~~} for certain {~~traffic violations that are infractions~~} purposes; and
- 12 ▶ provides exceptions.

#### 13 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

14 None

#### 15 Other Special Clauses:

16 None

#### 17 Utah Code Sections Affected:

18 ENACTS:

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77-7-28 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

**77-7-28. Restrictions on {a stop for a traffic infraction when using} certain uses of an unmarked law enforcement vehicle.**

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Arrests and Citations, By Whom, and How Made

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-7-27.

(b) "Traffic infraction~~law~~" means a violation that is classified as an infraction under:

(i) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code; or

(ii) a local traffic ordinance.

(c) "Unmarked law enforcement vehicle" means a vehicle that:

(i) is used for a law enforcement purpose; and

~~{(ii) {does not have a visible light bar affixed to the roof of the vehicle that contains:} }~~

~~{(A) {red and blue lights; or} }~~

~~{(B) {other lights commonly used by a law enforcement agency; and} }~~

(iii){(ii)} does not have writing or markings on both sides of the vehicle that clearly identify the vehicle as a law enforcement vehicle from at least 25 feet away.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), {an employee of} a law enforcement agency may not use an unmarked law enforcement vehicle {to initiate a stop of} for a {vehicle} patrol assignment for {the purpose of:} which a primary purpose is the enforcement of traffic infraction law.

~~{(a) {investigating a traffic infraction;} }~~

~~{(b) {issuing a citation for a traffic infraction; or} }~~

~~{(c) {issuing a warning for a traffic infraction.} }~~

(3) {An employee of a} A law enforcement agency may use an unmarked law enforcement vehicle {to initiate a stop of a vehicle for the purpose of investigating a potential crime other than a traffic infraction.} for:

(a) an assignment for an employee of a law enforcement agency that is meant to address a documented specific traffic issue within a community;

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- 40 (b) a public safety operation that is meant to address traffic violations based on:  
41 (i) crosswalk enforcement;  
42 (ii) construction zones;  
43 (iii) DUI enforcement;  
44 (iv) stopped school buses; or  
45 (v) school zone speed enforcement; or  
46 (c) in accordance with Section 41-1a-407.

47 Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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