

1 **Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

2 **LONG TITLE**3 **General Description:**4 This bill prohibits an employee of a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law
5 enforcement vehicle to initiate a stop for certain traffic violations.6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

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- 9 ▶ defines terms;

10 - ▶ prohibits an employee of a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law

11 enforcement vehicle to initiate a stop for certain traffic violations that are infractions; 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:

19 **77-7-28**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

20 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*21 Section 1. Section **77-7-28** is enacted to read:22 **CHAPTER 7. Arrests and Citations, By Whom, and How Made**23 **77-7-28 . Restrictions on a stop for a traffic infraction when using an unmarked**
24 **law enforcement vehicle.**25 **(1) As used in this section:**26 **(a) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-7-27.**27 **(b) "Traffic infraction" means a violation that is an infraction under:**28 **(i) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code; or**29 **(ii) a local traffic ordinance.**

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

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

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

34 (A) red and blue lights; or

35 (B) other lights commonly used by a law enforcement agency; and

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

38 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an employee of a law enforcement agency may
39 not use an unmarked law enforcement vehicle to initiate a stop of a vehicle for the
40 purpose of:

41 (a) investigating a traffic infraction;

42 (b) issuing a citation for a traffic infraction; or

43 (c) issuing a warning for a traffic infraction.

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

47 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

48 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.