

Daniel McCay proposes the following substitute bill:

Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law enforcement vehicle for certain purposes.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law enforcement vehicle for certain purposes; and
- provides exceptions.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

77-7-28, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **77-7-28** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 7. Arrests and Citations, By Whom, and How Made

77-7-28 . Restrictions on certain uses of an unmarked law enforcement vehicle.

(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 law" means a violation that is classified as an infraction under:
 - (i) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code; or

- 29 (ii) a local traffic ordinance.
- 30 (c) "Unmarked law enforcement vehicle" means a vehicle that:
- 31 (i) is used for a law enforcement purpose;
- 32 (ii) does not have a visible light bar affixed to the roof of the vehicle that contains:
- 33 (A) red and blue lights; or
- 34 (B) other lights commonly used by a law enforcement agency; and
- 35 (iii) does not have writing or markings on both sides of the vehicle that clearly
- 36 identify the vehicle as a law enforcement vehicle from at least 25 feet away.
- 37 (2) In accordance with Section 41-1a-407 and subject to Subsection (3), a law enforcement
- 38 agency may not use an unmarked law enforcement vehicle:
- 39 (a) for a patrol assignment for which a primary purpose is the enforcement of traffic law;
- 40 or
- 41 (b) for a routine patrol assignment in which a law enforcement officer conducts the
- 42 general patrolling of an area.
- 43 (3) An unmarked law enforcement vehicle may be used for the enforcement of traffic laws
- 44 involving school zones or stopped school buses.

45 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

46 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.