

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:

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**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

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*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 infraction 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; and
- 32               (ii) does not have writing or markings on both sides of the vehicle that clearly
- 33                     identify the vehicle as a law enforcement vehicle from at least 25 feet away.
- 34           (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a law enforcement agency may not use an
- 35               unmarked law enforcement vehicle for a patrol assignment for which a primary purpose
- 36               is the enforcement of traffic infraction law.
- 37           (3) A law enforcement agency may use an unmarked law enforcement vehicle for:
- 38               (a) an assignment for an employee of a law enforcement agency that is meant to address
- 39               a documented specific traffic issue within a community;
- 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.**

48           This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.