



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 133**

January Session, 2011

Substitute Senate Bill No. 999

*Senate, March 22, 2011*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR PATROL CARS ONLY IF AVAILABLE FROM A MANUFACTURER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-6b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 [Not later than January 1, 2007, each] Each vehicle purchased for use  
4 primarily as a patrol car by a state police officer shall be equipped with  
5 a manufacturer-installed fire suppression system, provided such fire  
6 suppression system is available from at least one manufacturer. For  
7 purposes of this section, "fire suppression system" means a system that  
8 is integrated into the structure and electrical architecture of a vehicle  
9 and (1) uses sensors to measure post-impact vehicle movement to  
10 determine the optimal time to deploy chemicals designed to suppress  
11 the spread of fire or extinguish a fire resulting from a high-speed rear-  
12 end collision, and (2) may be activated both manually and  
13 automatically.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	29-6b

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill codifies current practice and has no fiscal impact. Currently the Department of Administrative Services purchases patrol cars with a fire suppression system and leases them to the Department of Public Safety.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 999*****AN ACT REQUIRING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR PATROL CARS ONLY IF AVAILABLE FROM A MANUFACTURER.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, any vehicle bought for use primarily as a state police patrol car must be equipped with a fire suppression system installed by the manufacturer. This bill requires the installation, provided the system is available from at least one manufacturer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**BACKGROUND*****Fire Suppression System***

The law defines a “fire suppression system” as a system integrated into a vehicle’s structure and electrical architecture that (1) uses sensors to measure post-impact vehicle movement to determine the best time to release chemicals designed to suppress or extinguish a fire resulting from a high-speed rear-end collision and (2) operates manually and automatically.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)