



Substitute Senate Bill No. 999

Public Act No. 11-178

**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:

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 Section 29-6b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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