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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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Public Safety and Security Committee

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

SUMMARY: By 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. The act requires the system in such vehicles only if it is available from at least one manufacturer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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.

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