



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 258

Senate, March 24, 2022

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE PATROL VEHICLES THAT REQUIRE DASHBOARD CAMERAS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A MINE-RESISTANT, AMBUSH-PROTECTED VEHICLE.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 29-6d of the 2022
2 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 19 of public
3 act 20-1 of the July special session, section 3 of public act 21-33 and
4 section 26 of public act 21-40, is repealed and the following is substituted
5 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

6 (6) "Police patrol vehicle" means any state or local police vehicle
7 [other than] but does not include an administrative vehicle in which an
8 occupant is wearing body-worn camera equipment, a bicycle, a motor
9 scooter, an all-terrain vehicle, an electric personal assistive mobility
10 device, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-289h, or an animal
11 control vehicle.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

13 subsection (b) of section 7-294jj of the general statutes, not later than
14 January 1, 2023, the municipal police department for the town of West
15 Haven may acquire one mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle from
16 the municipal police department for the town of Farmington. The
17 municipal police department for the town of West Haven shall
18 otherwise be subject to the provisions of section 7-294jj of the general
19 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	29-6d(a)(6)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill allows the City of West Haven to acquire a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle from the Town of Farmington.

This results in a potential cost to the City of West Haven, and corresponding potential revenue gain to the Town of Farmington that will depend on the provisions of an agreement between the two municipalities for the acquisition of the vehicle.

The bill also makes a technical change that has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

Any out-year impact due to the bill would depend on the provisions of the agreement between the City of West Haven and the Town of Farmington for acquisition of the vehicle.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 258*****AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE PATROL VEHICLES THAT REQUIRE DASHBOARD CAMERAS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A MINE-RESISTANT, AMBUSH-PROTECTED VEHICLE.*****SUMMARY**

Under existing law, beginning July 1, 2022, each state and local law enforcement unit must require the use of dashboard cameras with a remote recorder in each police patrol vehicle used by any of the police officers it employs (see BACKGROUND) (CGS § 29-6d(c)). This bill modifies the current definition of “police patrol vehicle” to explicitly exclude the following types of vehicles: (1) administrative vehicles with a body camera-wearing occupant, (2) bicycles, (3) motor scooters, (4) all-terrain vehicles, (5) electric personal assistive mobility devices, and (6) animal control vehicles. Therefore, a “police patrol vehicle” is any state or local police vehicle besides these excluded vehicles.

Also, existing law prohibits law enforcement agencies (i.e., State Police and municipal police departments) from acquiring certain military equipment (i.e., controlled equipment), including mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles (CGS § 7-294jj). Regardless of this law, the bill allows the West Haven municipal police department to acquire, by January 1, 2023, one mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle from the Farmington municipal police department. The bill specifies that the West Haven municipal police department is otherwise subject to existing law governing controlled equipment (e.g., law enforcement agencies that may keep controlled equipment are prohibited from using it for crowd management or intimidation tactics).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provision explicitly excluding certain vehicles from the “police patrol vehicle” definition is effective July 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND***Definitions***

By law, a “law enforcement unit” is any state or municipal agency or department (or tribal agency or department created and governed under a memorandum of agreement) whose primary functions include enforcing criminal or traffic laws; preserving public order; protecting life and property; or preventing, detecting, or investigating crime. A “police officer” is a sworn member of a law enforcement unit or any member of that unit who performs police duties. A “dashboard camera with a remote recorder” is a camera that (1) attaches to a dashboard or windshield of a police vehicle, (2) electronically records video of the view through the vehicle’s windshield, and (3) has an electronic audio recorder that may be operated remotely (CGS § 29-6d(a)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 1 (03/15/2022)