

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 589

A bill to amend 1997 PA 55, entitled
"Electric patrol vehicle act,"
by amending sections 2, 4, 5, and 6 (MCL 257.1572, 257.1574,
257.1575, and 257.1576).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Electric patrol vehicle" means an electrically powered
3 motor vehicle designed to carry not more than 4 persons ~~at a~~
4 speed **OF** not more than 25 miles per hour ~~having not less than 4~~
5 ~~wheels~~ and having an unloaded weight of not more than 1,300 pounds.

6 (b) "Political subdivision" means a village, city, township,
7 county, or a university of this state.

8 (c) "**SIDEWALK**" **MEANS A PAVED PUBLIC SIDEWALK INTENDED FOR**
9 **PEDESTRIAN USE SITUATED OUTSIDE OF AND ADJACENT TO THE IMPROVED**

1 **PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY DESIGNED FOR VEHICULAR TRAVEL.**

2 Sec. 4. Subject to section 5, a political subdivision may, by
3 ordinance, authorize law enforcement, emergency service, and
4 parking enforcement employees of the political subdivision to
5 operate an electric patrol vehicle on a street, ~~or~~ highway, **OR**
6 **SIDEWALK** within that political subdivision's boundaries.

7 Sec. 5. An electric patrol vehicle authorized under section 4
8 shall be limited as follows:

9 (a) To a street or highway with a posted speed limit of not
10 more than 25 miles per hour.

11 (b) To crossing a street or highway with a posted speed limit
12 of not more than 50 miles per hour.

13 **(C) TO A SIDEWALK.**

14 Sec. 6. ~~(1) Each~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), EACH**
15 electric patrol vehicle authorized under section 4 shall have all
16 of the following equipment:

17 (a) Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and
18 hold the vehicle.

19 (b) Not less than 2 head lamps that enable the operator of the
20 vehicle to see a person not less than 100 feet to the front of the
21 vehicle.

22 (c) Not less than 2 rear lamps that comply with section 697 of
23 the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.697.

24 (d) A windshield of safety glass as defined in section 711 of
25 the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.711.

26 (e) A horn as defined in section 706(a) of the Michigan
27 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.706.

1 (f) Safety belts designed and installed with brackets and of
2 sufficient strength to hold a passenger during a collision.

3 (g) A parking brake sufficient to hold the vehicle in a
4 stopped position.

5 (h) Reflectors that reflect an amber or red color as required
6 for motor vehicles by section 690 of the Michigan vehicle code,
7 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.690.

8 (2) AN ELECTRIC PATROL VEHICLE THAT HAS 3 WHEELS OR LESS SHALL
9 HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

10 (A) BRAKES ADEQUATE TO CONTROL THE MOVEMENT OF AND TO STOP AND
11 HOLD THE VEHICLE.

12 (B) ONE OR 2 HEADLAMPS THAT ENABLE THE OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE
13 TO SEE A PERSON NOT LESS THAN 100 FEET TO THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE.

14 (C) AT LEAST 1 REAR LAMP THAT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 697 OF THE
15 MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.697.

16 (D) A HORN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 706(A) OF THE MICHIGAN
17 VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.706.

18 (E) A PARKING BRAKE SUFFICIENT TO HOLD THE VEHICLE IN A
19 STOPPED POSITION.

20 (F) REFLECTORS THAT REFLECT AN AMBER OR RED COLOR AS REQUIRED
21 FOR MOTOR VEHICLES BY SECTION 690 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE,
22 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.690.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
24 after the date it is enacted into law.