

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**

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PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY DESIGNED FOR VEHICULAR TRAVEL.

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

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

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

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

(C) TO A SIDEWALK.

Sec. 6. (1) ~~Each~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN [** **SUBSECTIONS]** (2) **[** **AND (3)] EACH**

electric patrol vehicle authorized under section 4 shall have all of the following equipment:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), AN] ELECTRIC PATROL VEHICLE THAT HAS 3 WHEELS OR LESS SHALL

HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

[(3) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY, BY ORDINANCE, EXEMPT AN ELECTRIC PATROL VEHICLE FROM SUBSECTION (1) OR (2).]

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