

# HOUSE BILL No. 4127

January 31, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Brinks, LaGrand, Schor, Victory, Brann, Elder, Rabhi, Sowerby, Faris, Afendoulis, Whiteford, Johnson, Kelly, Pagan and Geiss and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 speed  
4 **OF** not more than 25 miles per hour, having not less than ~~4~~**3** wheels  
5 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~~ **1** head ~~lamps~~ **LAMP** that ~~enable~~ **ENABLES** the  
20 operator of the vehicle to see a person not less than 100 feet to  
21 the front of the 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~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** section 706(a) of the  
27 Michigan 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~~ **UNDER SECTIONS 689 AND** 690 of the  
7 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL **257.689 AND** 257.690.

8 **(2) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY, BY ORDINANCE, EXEMPT ELECTRIC**  
9 **PATROL VEHICLES AUTHORIZED FOR USE WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES UNDER**  
10 **SECTION 4 FROM THE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (1) (D) AND**  
11 **(F) .**

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