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EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 1613

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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; expanding the list of colors that vehicles operated by

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sheriffs may be painted; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.98,

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subdivision 1.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.98, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Colors and markings.** (a) Except as provided in subdivisions 2 and

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2a, all motor vehicles which are primarily used in the enforcement of highway traffic rules

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by the State Patrol or for general uniform patrol assignment by any municipal police

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department or other law enforcement agency, except conservation officers, shall have

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uniform colors and markings as provided in this subdivision. Motor vehicles of:

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(1) municipal police departments, including the University of Minnesota Police

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Department and park police units, shall be predominantly blue, brown, green, black,

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or white;

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(2) the State Patrol shall be predominantly maroon; and

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(3) the county sheriff's office shall be predominantly brown, black, gold, or white.

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(b) The identity of the governmental unit operating the vehicle shall be displayed on

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both front door panels and on the rear of the vehicle. The identity may be in the form of

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a shield or emblem, or may be the word "police," "sheriff," or the words "State Patrol"

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or "conservation officer," as appropriate, with letters not less than 2-1/2 inches high,

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one-inch wide and of a three-eighths inch brush stroke. The identity shall be of a color

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contrasting with the background color so that the motor vehicle is easily identifiable as

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belonging to a specific type of law enforcement agency. Each vehicle shall be marked

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with its own identifying number on the rear of the vehicle. The number shall be printed

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- 2.1 in the same size and color required pursuant to this subdivision for identifying words
- 2.2 which may be displayed on the vehicle.