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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1835

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

02/20/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; expanding the list of colors that vehicles operated by
1.3 sheriffs may be painted; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.98,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

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

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Colors and markings.** (a) Except as provided in subdivisions 2 and
1.8 2a, all motor vehicles which are primarily used in the enforcement of highway traffic rules
1.9 by the State Patrol or for general uniform patrol assignment by any municipal police
1.10 department or other law enforcement agency, except conservation officers, shall have
1.11 uniform colors and markings as provided in this subdivision. Motor vehicles of:

1.12 (1) municipal police departments, including the University of Minnesota Police
1.13 Department and park police units, shall be predominantly blue, brown, green, black,
1.14 or white;

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

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

1.17 (b) The identity of the governmental unit operating the vehicle shall be displayed on
1.18 both front door panels and on the rear of the vehicle. The identity may be in the form of
1.19 a shield or emblem, or may be the word "police," "sheriff," or the words "State Patrol"
1.20 or "conservation officer," as appropriate, with letters not less than 2-1/2 inches high,
1.21 one-inch wide and of a three-eighths inch brush stroke. The identity shall be of a color
1.22 contrasting with the background color so that the motor vehicle is easily identifiable as
1.23 belonging to a specific type of law enforcement agency. Each vehicle shall be marked
1.24 with its own identifying number on the rear of the vehicle. The number shall be printed

- 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.