



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 252**

February Session, 2026

House Bill No. 5400

*House of Representatives, March 30, 2026*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "POLICE PATROL VEHICLE".**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-6d of the 2026 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (a) For purposes of this section and section 7-277b:

5 (1) "Law enforcement unit" has the same meaning as provided in  
6 section 7-294a;

7 (2) "Police officer" means a sworn member of a law enforcement unit  
8 or any member of a law enforcement unit who performs police duties;

9 (3) "Body-worn recording equipment" means an electronic recording  
10 device that is capable of recording audio and video;

11 (4) "Dashboard camera" means a dashboard camera with a remote

12 recorder, as defined in section 7-277b;

13 (5) "Digital data storage device or service" means a device or service  
14 that retains the data from the recordings made by body-worn recording  
15 equipment using computer data storage; and

16 (6) "Police patrol vehicle" means any state or local police vehicle,  
17 [other than] "Police patrol vehicle" does not include an administrative  
18 vehicle in which an occupant is wearing body-worn camera equipment,  
19 a bicycle, a motor scooter, an all-terrain vehicle, an electric personal  
20 assistive mobility device, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-289h,  
21 or an animal control vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	29-6d(a)

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which revises the definition of "police patrol vehicle," has no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5400*****AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "POLICE PATROL VEHICLE".*****SUMMARY**

Under existing law, each state and local law enforcement unit must require the use of dashboard cameras with a remote recorder in each police patrol vehicle used by any of the police officers it employs (CGS § 29-6d(c)). This bill specifies that a "police patrol vehicle" does not include (1) administrative vehicles with a body camera-wearing occupant, (2) bicycles, (3) motor scooters, (4) all-terrain vehicles, (5) electric personal assistive mobility devices, and (6) animal control vehicles. In effect, a "police patrol vehicle" is any state or local police vehicle besides these excluded vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bill***

sHB 5291, § 15, favorably reported by the Public Safety and Security Committee, has identical provisions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 1 (03/17/2026)