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By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the purchase and use of state-owned
2 automobiles.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section twenty-one point two (21.2), subsection
2 four (4), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

3 4. The state car dispatcher shall purchase all new motor
4 vehicles for all branches of the state government. Before
5 purchasing any motor vehicle he shall make requests for public
6 bids by advertisement and he shall purchase the vehicles from
7 the lowest responsible bidder for the type and make of motor
8 vehicle designated. No passenger motor vehicle except the
9 motor vehicle provided by the state for the use of the
10 governor, ambulances, buses, trucks, or station wagons shall
11 be purchased for an amount in excess of the sum of ~~two~~ three
12 thousand ~~five~~ three hundred dollars; provided that if the
13 passenger motor vehicle is to be used by the highway patrol
14 or the ~~narcotics~~ drug law enforcement division or the ~~bureau~~
15 division of criminal investigation and bureau of identifi-
16 cation for actual law enforcement, the maximum amount shall
17 be ~~two~~ three thousand eight hundred dollars. Provided further,
18 that for station wagons the maximum amount shall be ~~two~~ three
19 thousand ~~eight~~ five hundred dollars.

20 Sec. 2. Section twenty-one point two (21.2), Code 1971,
21 is amended by striking subsection six (6) and inserting in
22 lieu thereof the following:

23 6. The state car dispatcher may authorize the establish-
24 ment of motor pools consisting of a number of state-owned
25 cars under his supervision and which he may cause to be stored
26 in a public or private garage. If a pool is established by
27 the state car dispatcher, any state officer or employee desir-
28 ing the use of a state-owned motor vehicle on state business
29 shall notify the state car dispatcher of the need for a vehicle
30 within a reasonable time prior to actual use of the motor
31 vehicle. The state car dispatcher may assign a motor vehicle
32 from the motor pool to the state officer or employee. If
33 two or more state officers or employees desire the use of
34 a state-owned motor vehicle for a trip to the same destination
35 for the same length of time, the state car dispatcher may

1 assign one vehicle to make the trip.

2 Sec. 3. Section twenty-one point two (21.2), Code 1971,
3 is amended by adding the following new subsection:

4 "All gasoline used in state-owned automobiles shall be
5 purchased at cost from the various installations or garages
6 of the state highway commission, state board of regents, de-
7 partment of social services, or state car pools throughout
8 the state, unless such purchases are exempted by the car dis-
9 patcher. The car dispatcher shall study and determine the
10 reasonable accessibility of these state-owned sources for
11 the purchase of gasoline. If these state-owned sources for
12 the purchase of gasoline are not reasonably accessible, the
13 car dispatcher shall authorize the purchase of gasoline from
14 other sources.

15 The car dispatcher may prescribe a manner, other than the
16 use of the revolving fund, in which the purchase of gasoline
17 from state-owned sources shall be charged to the department
18 or agency responsible for the use of the automobile. The
19 car dispatcher shall prescribe the manner in which oil and
20 other normal automobile maintenance for state-owned automobiles
21 may be purchased from private sources, if they cannot be rea-
22 sonably obtained from a state car pool.

23 The state car dispatcher may with the approval of the
24 executive council and governor advertise for bids and award
25 contracts for the furnishing of gasoline, oil, grease, and
26 vehicle replacement parts for all state-owned vehicles."

27 Sec. 4. Section seven hundred forty point twenty-one
28 (740.21), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

29 740.21 LABELING PUBLICLY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES. All
30 publicly owned motor vehicles shall bear at least two labels
31 in a conspicuous place, one on each side of said vehicle
32 ~~designating the bureau, department or commission using it.~~
33 This label shall be designed to cover not less than one square
34 foot of surface. This section shall not apply to any motor
35 vehicle which shall be specifically assigned by the head of

1 the department or office owning or controlling it, to enforce-
2 ment of police regulations.

3 EXPLANATION

4 Sec. 1. This section increases the maximum purchase price
5 for passenger motor vehicles used by the highway patrol, drug
6 law enforcement division, or bureau of criminal investigation
7 for law enforcement purposes from \$2,800 to \$3,800. It
8 increases the maximum purchase price for other passenger motor
9 vehicles from \$2,500 to \$3,300 and the maximum purchase price
10 of station wagons from \$2,800 to \$3,500. It also corrects
11 references to divisions of the department of public safety
12 to make them correspond with sections 80.17 and 80.32.

13 Sec. 2. This section provides authorization to use state-
14 owned motor vehicles, from the motor pool, within the city
15 of Des Moines.

16 Sec. 3. This section provides that gasoline be purchased
17 from various state-owned institutions at cost, unless the
18 sites are not reasonably accessible.

19 Sec. 4. This section strikes language which provides that
20 an individual bureau, department or commission using a state-
21 car have its particular name on the car. With greater use
22 of a motor pool and less assignment of cars to individual
23 departments, it is not desirable to have individual department
24 names on state cars.

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