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Senate Bill 589 (as introduced 9-27-17)
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Electric Patrol Vehicle Act to allow a political subdivision to operate an electric patrol vehicle on a sidewalk within that political subdivision's boundaries, and require such a vehicle to have two or three wheels, instead of four.

The Act allows a political subdivision, by ordinance, to authorize its law enforcement, emergency service, and parking enforcement employees to operate an electric patrol vehicle on a street or highway within that political subdivision's boundaries. ("Political subdivision" means a city, village, township, county, or university.)

An electric patrol vehicle must be limited as follows:

- To a street or highway with a posted speed limit of not more than 25 miles per hour.
- To crossing a street or highway with a posted speed limit of not more than 50 miles per hour.

The bill also would allow an electric patrol vehicle to be operated on a sidewalk within that political subdivision's boundaries. "Sidewalk" would mean a paved public sidewalk intended for pedestrian use outside of and adjacent to the improved portion of a street or highway designed for vehicular travel.

Currently, "electric patrol vehicle" means an electrically powered motor vehicle designed to carry up to four people, at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour, having not less than four wheels, and having an unloaded weight of not more than 1,300.

The bill would amend the term to refer to a vehicle having two or three wheels, instead of four.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase university and local government costs to the extent that a local government or university already has an electric patrol vehicle or vehicles with four or more wheels that, under the bill, would no longer be eligible to operate under the Electric Patrol

Vehicle Act. The cost of implementing the use of two- or three-wheeled electric patrol vehicles would depend on the specific purchase decisions and program needs of local governments and universities.

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