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2025 Senate Bill 283 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish and administer a public protective services hearing protection program. Under that program, DOT must obtain from a manufacturer hearing protective devices that satisfy certain requirements, and then must, upon request, provide the devices to law enforcement agencies in the number requested by the agency. A law enforcement or fire protective agency may request any number of devices that the agency determines are necessary for the agency's use.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 requires DOT to establish and administer the program by entering into a contract with a manufacturer of hearing protection devices. That contract must require that the hearing protection devices satisfy certain requirements and that the manufacturer, upon request, provide devices to law enforcement and fire protective agencies in this state in the number requested by the agency, subject to certain limits.

First, for a state law enforcement agency, devices must be provided, at no charge, in any number requested by the agency. Second, for any other law enforcement agency or fire protective agency, devices must be provided, at no charge, in a number equal to 20 percent of the total number of law enforcement officers or firefighters employed by the agency or 10 devices, whichever is fewer. For any other devices requested by those agencies, devices must be provided in any number requested upon payment of 50 percent of the cost of the device.

BILL HISTORY

Senator James offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 283 on June 11, 2025. On June 12, 2025, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, both votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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