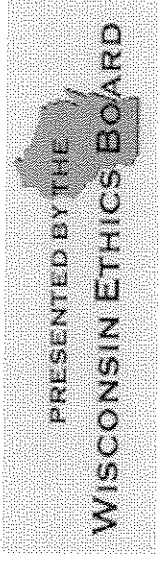


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Assembly Bill 501

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Committee Member
Senator Mark Meyer

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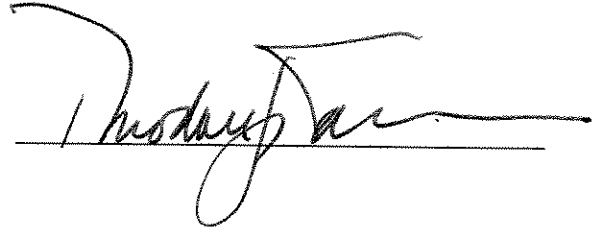
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SEQUENCE NO. 473
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From: Christianson, Peter C. [PCC@quarles.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2004 11:39 AM
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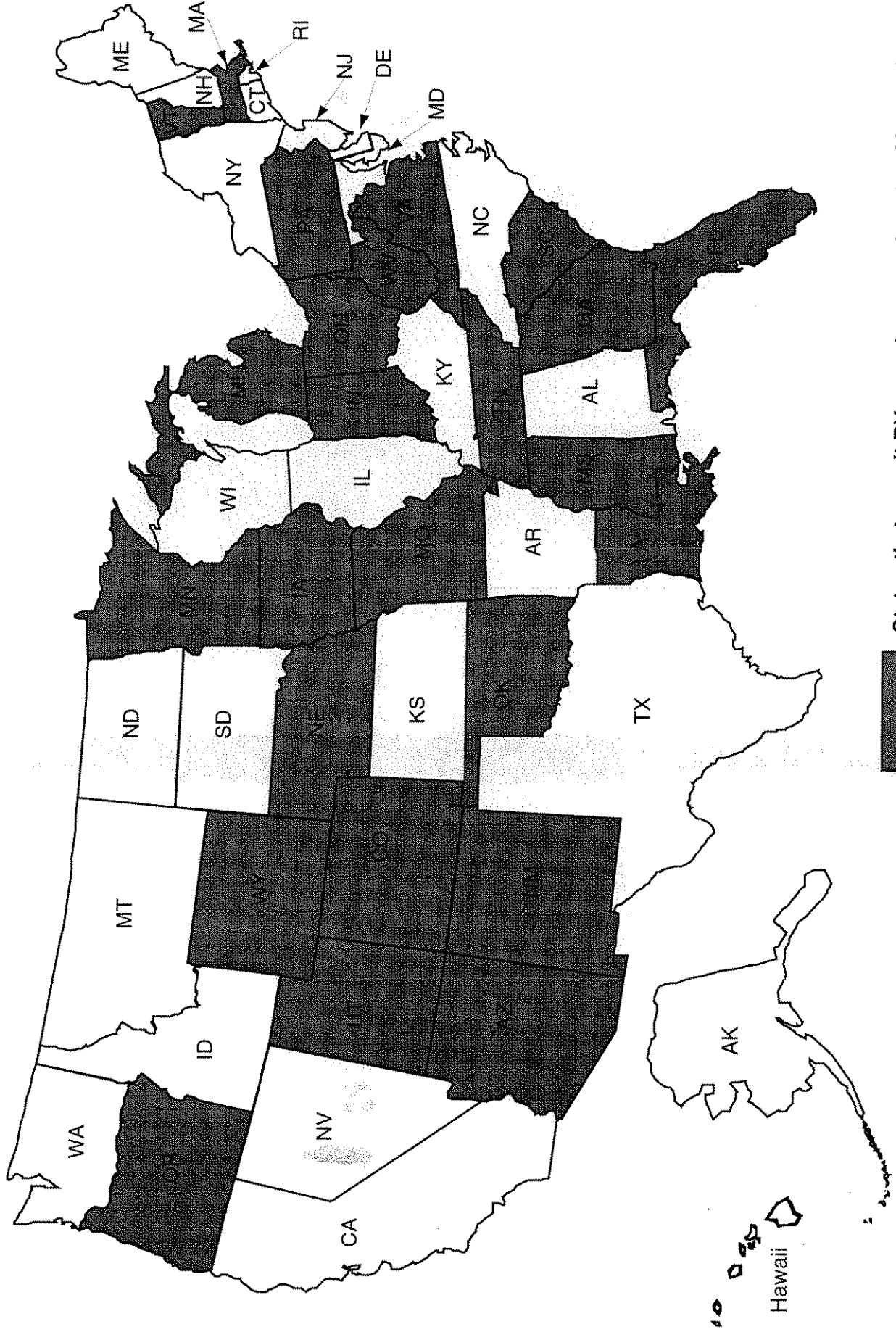
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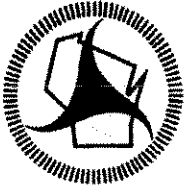
Assembly Bill 501 is up for a hearing tomorrow in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure. I represent the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association ("RVIA") and will be speaking in favor of the bill at the hearing. I would like to discuss the bill with you prior to the hearing and will give you a call shortly.

In the meantime, here is a brief summary of the bill and why it is needed.

1. Under current Wisconsin law, no recreational vehicle longer than 40-feet may be operated on Wisconsin highways without a permit.
2. Many manufacturers now offer 45-foot recreational vehicles which are currently being operated in Wisconsin in violation of the law. Wisconsin dealers are not able to sell 45-foot RVs and are therefore at a disadvantage when competing with out-of-state dealers.
3. Most states have now changed their laws to permit the operation of 45-foot recreation vehicles, including all of the states which surround Wisconsin.
4. Attached is a map which shows the few states which do not yet permit 45-foot recreational vehicles -- Wisconsin, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Since the map was prepared, the law has been changed in New York, so now there are just 5 states which do not yet permit 45-foot recreation vehicles.
5. Current Wisconsin law also restricts the total outside width of recreation vehicles to 8 feet 6 inches.
6. Unfortunately, the law does not reflect the fact that most recreation vehicles have awnings, mirrors, and door handles which protrude slightly beyond this width.
7. The laws in 25 other states -- including most surrounding states -- have been amended to permit factory-installed and dealer-installed appurtenances to extend beyond 8 feet six inches. Here is a map which shows the states which have already made this change.
8. The staff at the Department of Transportation worked closely with me in the drafting of AB 501. Lorelee Brumund and Carson Frazier looked at our law, recognized that it was outdated, and were willing to help fix the problems. We appreciate their leadership on this issue as well as their support for AB 501. A memo which WisDOT used at the Assembly public hearing is attached.

States Allowing RV Appurtenances To Extend Beyond 102"





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Assembly Committee on Transportation

September 11, 2003

Remarks on AB 501

Loralee Brumund, Division of State Patrol

Carson P. Frazier, Division of Motor Vehicles

AB 501 increases the legal length, without a permit, for motorhomes, from 40' to 45'; and allows motorhomes and recreational vehicles used only as temporary or recreational dwellings, a small additional width allowance for certain appurtenances.

- DOT is speaking in support of AB 501.
- We worked closely with representatives of the recreational vehicle industry in developing the language.
- We appreciate the time and effort the representatives of the recreational vehicle industry put into working with DOT to improve current statute that meets consumer demands yet retains highway safety and is enforceable.
- We know that the recreational vehicle industry, responding to consumer demand, is manufacturing more units with slide-outs, which require awnings.
- Also, we know that recreational vehicles and motorhomes, by their design, have other appurtenances that must extrude from the vehicle.
- Requiring appurtenances to be related to the structure of the vehicle and installed by the manufacturer or dealer ensures a safer physical attachment of the devices, thus maintaining safety for the traveling public.
- The added width of 4" on the left and 6" on the right of the vehicle must also be at least 8' above the ground. This is very important because low extrusions can side-swipe other vehicles – clearly we must avoid that.
- The appurtenance allowance does not allow unnecessary devices and items, such as lawn chairs or bicycles, from being hung on the outside walls of the vehicles.
- Increasing the motorhome length to 45' makes motorhome length the same as mobile homes – which are both used for the same recreational purpose.
- Since we've developed a very good proposal, we support AB 501 as it is currently written, and we would certainly expect that the bill in its final version will remain true to this language, jointly developed by DOT and the industry representatives.