## 1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32

 $\label{lem:condition} \mbox{March 28, 2000 - Introduced by Representative $V_{RAKAS}$. Referred to Committee on Rules.}$ 

1	Relating to: urging Congress to pass legislation to require federal executive
2	agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a
3	state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another
4	state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that
5	program.
6	Whereas, from 1997 to August 1999, Wisconsin applied for 70 waivers from
7	federal agencies; and
8	Whereas, these waivers were not because Wisconsin couldn't or wouldn't meet
9	federal policy objectives, but because, like so many states, Wisconsin wanted to try
10	new innovative approaches to meeting long-standing policy challenges; and
11	Whereas, each waiver application requires extensive efforts and costs, and the
12	response and processing time from the federal agencies adds the burdens of
13	uncertainty and suspended state policymaking; and

Whereas, the difficulty, cost and delays of obtaining a federal waiver discourage

states from trying to meet their residents' needs in innovative ways; and

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Whereas, 2 of Wisconsin's members of Congress, Representatives Green and Ryan, have introduced H.R. 2376 to require federal executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that program; and

Whereas, the bill will allow each state to take advantage of the creative policymaking of other states and encourage creativity and innovation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, That** the assembly of the state of Wisconsin hereby urges Congress to pass legislation to require federal executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that program; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 1999 assembly of the state of Wisconsin.

19 (END)