

## 1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32

March 28, 2000 – Introduced by Representative VRAKAS. 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

14          Whereas, the difficulty, cost and delays of obtaining a federal waiver discourage  
15          states from trying to meet their residents' needs in innovative ways; and

