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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism  
Transportation & Corrections  
FR: Senator Roger Breske, Chair  
RE: Proposed Administrative Rule

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Below, please find the description of a proposed administrative rule recently referred to the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation & Corrections. For your reference, I have included a brief summary of the rule, prepared by the department. If you would like a copy of this rule, or if you would like to request a hearing, please contact Vaughn in my office before **December 1, 1999**.

**CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 98-136; to repeal Trans 252.05 (2); to renumber and amend Trans 252.05 (3) and (4); to renumber Trans 2552.05 (5); to amend Trans 252.05 (1); and to repeal and recreate Trans 252.02, relating to escort vehicles.**

This proposed rule will amend ch. Trans 252, relating to Escort Vehicles, to update some requirements reflecting changes in vehicle manufacturing and industry practices. The rule is amended to expand vehicles which may be used as escort vehicles to include single unit trucks up to 16,000 pounds actual gross vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating or registered weight. The proposed amendment clarifies the reference to a Type 1 automobile as defined in state law, and clarifies that any escort vehicle must meet the "overhang" requirements of s. 348.09 Stats., when carrying the required sign. The rule allows either the current sign or a smaller (5' x 12') sign. Finally, the proposed rule amendment eliminates the requirement that escort vehicles display flags on the bumpers but, instead, requires flashing lights or strobe lights that are visible all around (360 degrees)