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M E M O R A N D U M

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Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism and Transportation TO:

Senator Roger Breske, Chair FR:

Proposed Clearinghouse Rule 01-120; relating to standards for vehicle equipment. RE:

Clearinghouse Rule 01-120 was recently referred to the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism and Transportation. For your reference, I have included the analysis by the Department of Transportation below. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Beth in my office before Friday, March 15th, 2002.

Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ss. 85.16(1), 110.075 and 227.10(1), Stats. STATUTES INTERPRETED: s. 110.075, Stats.

General Summary of Proposed Rule. This proposed rule will require van-type vehicles to have operable interior door handles on passenger doors located on the sides of the vehicles. The intent is to enhance the safety of passengers inside the vehicles, enabling them to escape the vehicle, in instances of vehicle crashes. The vehicles most affected by this rule amendment would be those vehicles operated by private companies that transport passengers for recreational purposes, for shuttle transportation, and general transport. It is not intended to be applied to vans used primarily for transportation of cargo, or to impose substantial additional costs on operators of van-type vehicles.

Fiscal Impact. The Department estimates that there will be no fiscal impact on the liabilities or revenues of any county, city, village, town, school district, vocational, technical and adult education district, sewerage district, or federally-recognized tribes or bands. The Department estimates that there will be no fiscal impact on state revenues or liabilities.