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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism and Transportation
FR: Senator Roger Breske, Chair
RE: Proposed Clearinghouse Rule 01-121; *relating to vehicle emission inspections.*

Clearinghouse Rule 01-121 was recently referred to the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism and Transportation. For your reference, I have included the analysis from the Department of Transportation below. If you would like to request a hearing, please contact Beth in my office before *Friday January 11, 2002.*

Analysis by the Department of Transportation

General Summary of Proposed Rule. Ch. Trans 131 governs the operation of the Vehicle Emission Inspection Program. This rule making proposes to amend Trans 131.03(2)(a) which requires a vehicle registrant to obtain an emission test within 90 days prior to registration renewal. Originally, emission testing was done every year. Existing policy that the vehicle must be tested within 90 days prior to registration renewal was intended to assure that no more than 15 months would have passed between a vehicle's testing. Currently, tests are done every two years, and the 90-day window is more restrictive than necessary. We propose making the window 180 days instead of 90 days. The other provisions are references to the period of time prior to registration renewal in which a vehicle may be tested, and are simply changed to correspond to the 180-day period from 90-days.