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Senate

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Senate Bill 238

Relating to: vehicles operated in a funeral procession.

By Senators Reynolds and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Cullen, Ainsworth, Gronemus, Hines and Musser.

June 09, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

February 1, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Tom Reynolds — Senator, 5th Senate District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Mark Paget — Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association

Registrations For

- Jeff Wiswell — Wisconsin Sheriff's & Deputy Sheriffs Association

Registrations Against

- None.

May 4, 2006 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Dan Johnson
Committee Clerk

**Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on
Natural Resources and Transportation
Public Hearing – February 1, 2006**

- Welcome to today's hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.
- Committee Clerk will take Attendance. The roll will be left open for members who have yet to arrive.
- I would like to remind individuals wishing to testify to fill out a hearing slip and give it to the member of the Sergeant's Staff.
- It is my intent to take up the items in the order listed on the hearing notice, and will take up Companion bills at the same time.

Senate Bill 84 (Assembly Bill 120) – Authored by Sen. Olsen and Rep. Petrowski

Relating to: restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons holding instruction permits or probationary licenses and providing a penalty.

Summary: This bill creates an additional restriction that a probationary licensee who is under 18 years of age may not, during the first nine months following issuance of the probationary license, operate a "Class D" vehicle while using a cellular telephone, except to report an emergency. The same exceptions that apply to existing restrictions on the licensee also apply to this new restriction. The bill also stipulates that a person operating a motor vehicle under an instruction permit may not operate the motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone.

Assembly Action – AB 120:

- Passed Assembly Committee on Highway Safety on a 7-1 vote.
- Passed the Joint Committee on Finance on a 10-5 vote.
- Passed the Assembly on an 89-6 vote.

Senate Bill 208 – Authored by Senator Zien and Colon

Relating to: designating and marking USH 45 as the Wisconsin Labor Highway.

Summary: This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to designate the entire route in this state of USH 45 from the Wisconsin-Illinois border to the Wisconsin-Michigan border as the "Wisconsin Labor Highway" in recognition and appreciation of the contributions and achievements of organized labor to the economic well-being, health, and welfare of the state's citizens. The bill directs DOT to erect and maintain signs that mark the designated route upon receipt of sufficient funds, other than state funds, from interested parties to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the markers.

Questions:

- The fiscal estimate on the bill indicates that the total initial cost to install the designating signs will be \$2,200. Is there a group/groups that are lined up at this point to fund this amount?

Senate Bill 238 – Authored by Senator Reynolds and Representative Cullen

Relating to: Vehicles operated in a funeral procession.

Summary: This bill allows, in addition to the lead vehicle, any vehicle being operated in, or as an escort to, a funeral procession to be equipped with a flashing amber light if all vehicles in the procession are so equipped, but the light may be used only in the funeral procession.

Questions:

- How many different types of vehicles are currently allowed to operate on our highways with flashing amber lights?
- What are the penalties for someone who would use this light in violation of law?
- Doesn't adding more types of vehicles to the list of those allowed to use flashing lights diminish their effect on motorists?

Senate Bill 306 – Authored by Senator Miller and Representative Hebl

Relating to: designation of state aviation facilities at the Dane County Regional Airport as the Fritz E. Wolf Aviation Center.

Summary: This bill names the state aviation facilities at the Dane County Regional Airport in the city of Madison the "Fritz E. Wolf Aviation Center." Mr. Wolf served for 35 years in state service, first as an employee of the former state Aeronautics Commission beginning in 1946 and then from 1967 to 1981 as the first director of the Division and later the Bureau of Aeronautics in the Department of Transportation.