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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 204-21-120 Cornering lamps. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.37.005 and 46.37.320.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: A cornering lamp function provided by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) is typically a function within the headlamp or using an existing lamp (such as a fog lamp). FMVSS 108 requires headlamps to be mounted not less than 22 inches, nor more than 54 inches, from the ground, measured from the center of the lamp. The cornering lamp mounting height limitation of 30 inches in the current Washington regulation does not accommodate for some SUVs or higher vehicles which have the headlamp mounted above 30 inches, yet still within the FMVSS limit of 54 inches. This prohibits the OEM the ability of offering a cornering lamp function within a headlamp or at the same height as a headlamp on higher vehicles that is compliant with federal rules and allowable in all other states.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Process for Developing New Rule: The Washington state patrol (WSP) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, WSP will file a proposed rule making (CR-102) with the office of the code reviser. A copy of the proposal will be sent to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kimberly Mathis, 106 11th Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA, phone 360-596-4017, email wsprules@wsp.wa.gov, website wsp.wa.gov/rules-development/.

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