

WSR 23-14-008
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 head-
lamp or using an existing lamp (such as a fog lamp). FMVSS 108 re-
quires 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 ve-
hicles which have the headlamp mounted above 30 inches, yet still
within the FMVSS limit of 54 inches. This prohibits the OEM the abili-
ty 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 High-
way 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 lat-
er 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/](http://wsp.wa.gov/rules-development/).

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