

WSR 23-20-127
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 204-21-130 Emergency lamps, 204-21-230 Lighting equipment prohibited, 204-36-050 Equipment requirements, and 204-91A-170 Minimum tow truck equipment standards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.37.005, 46.37.320, and 46.37.194.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Changes to WAC 204-21-130, 204-21-230, 204-36-050, and 204-91A-170 are needed to coincide with legislative changes to RCW 46.37.196 that permit rear-facing blue lights on emergency tow trucks, which became effective July 23, 2023.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Washington state patrol (WSP) anticipates providing draft language to impacted stakeholders for review and input as part of the process.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency review. WSP welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff members identified below. At a later date, WSP will file a proposed rule making (CR-102) with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. 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, Rules Coordinator, 106 11th Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA, phone 360-596-4017, email Kimberly.mathis@wsp.wa.gov, website wsp.wa.gov/rules-development/.

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