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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 204-21-230 Lighting equipment prohibited.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.37.005, 46.37.194, 46.37.300, and 46.37.320.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Proposed changes are needed to clarify and provide consistency within chapter 204-21 WAC regarding the use of flashing white warning lamps on highway maintenance vehicles and certain snow removal vehicles. The proposed rule making would clarify existing provisions and update the types of warning lamps authorized for vehicles identified in WAC 204-21-130.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: 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: 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, Rules Coordinator, 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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