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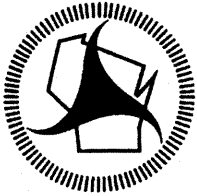
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2001 LRB-4363/P1, Relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices Comments, Carson P. Frazier

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this draft. The Department of Transportation believes that, in general, treating “personal mobility devices” similar to bicycles is reasonable. We believe the overriding concern is safety for the person riding the personal mobility device, and of others traveling nearby – including what happens to the rider while traveling in the traffic lane, and what happens to walkers on the sidewalk.

With that in mind, the DOT would like to offer the following two comments for the Legislature’s consideration:

1. Broaden the definition of a “personal mobility device.”

This draft addresses only an extremely narrowly defined vehicle. However, in the last couple of years a number of personal mobility devices have been introduced. For example, several brands of motorized scooters have recently been introduced – the “Charly,” the “EGOVehicle,” the “Mosquito,” and several foreign brands.

DOT has difficulty in explaining, and understanding, the differences that would allow operation of a Segway and prohibit operation of other similar vehicles. A definition encompassing a class of vehicles, not simply one product, is appropriate for the statute.

Elements of the definition that should be eliminated are: *electric*, *non-tandem* wheels, and *self-balancing*. None of these characteristics determines whether the vehicle can be safely operated similar to a bicycle – all are product features. Features that determine how this vehicle interacts with other traffic are: one-person design, maximum speed or power, and lack of safety equipment.

The Legislature may find it more efficient to consider the public policy in a broader approach – in terms of types of vehicles – instead of each time a particular new product is introduced.

2. Allow highway authorities to “opt-in” rather than “opt-out” designating roadways on which personal mobility devices may operate.

Under the draft, a municipality, and the state, may prohibit operation on roadways with speed limits of more than 25 mph. Municipalities expressed very strong objections that under the low-speed-vehicle bill they could only “opt-out.” Municipalities might have similar objections on this bill.

Indeed, DOT objects to the “opt-out” provisions of this bill.

- First, DOT is concerned about blanket operation on state trunk highways and connecting highways of up to 25mph speed limits. When state trunk and connecting highways have such a low speed limit, it is because of vehicle congestion – heavy traffic, large vehicles, in downtown or other congested areas. For safety reasons, personal mobility devices should not be allowed to operate on the roadway with this traffic.
- Second, DOT sympathizes with municipalities’ objection to needing to take action to prohibit operation; we too would like to “opt-in” rather than “opt-out.”

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. DOT would be pleased to work with you, as you develop this bill.

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Registrations for

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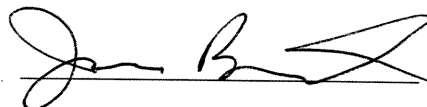
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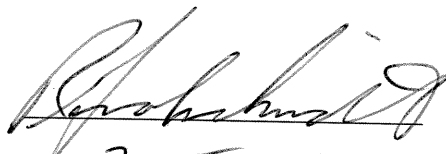
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