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Senate Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date 2-9-01;2-15-01

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Minutes: SB 2390 relates to passing an authorized emergency vehicle.

John Olson: (ND State's Attorneys; ND Peace Officers Association; Supports) States dangerous conditions are being caused by passing motorists for law enforcement and emergency instances. One concern with bill is on page 1, line 20. Need to put "amber" in there also, so an amendment is needed. He states an example where he had a chance to see the differences of awareness and reactions of citizens involving flashing lights. This is a safety issue.

Senator Trenbeath: What's the penalty?

John Olson: I don't know.

Senator Stenehjem: If you amend for "amber" (lights), do you have to pull over for wrecker and construction, etc?

John Olson: You don't have to pull over, just move over. It's for your own safety

Senator Espegard: What's the difference between section 1 and section 2?

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John Olson: Section 1 is meeting oncoming emergency vehicles. Section 2 deals with parked or stopped emergency vehicles.

Lois Hartman: (ND Firefighter's Association; Lobbyist 449; Supports) States there have been a number of cases where firefighters and EMT's have been killed alongside highways.

Keith Sorenson: (ND EMS Association; Supports) This is an important issue. There have been a number of cases where drivers almost took him out. This is a very good bill.

Senator Stenehjem: How does this affect the Expressway or any multilane road?

John Olson: Definition of highway and roadway includes all streets, highways, even in mobile home courts.

Senator Stenehjem: The wordage " police officer" in bill may need to be changed.

Senator O'Connell: I've been in these situations and it's dangerous out there. I've seen ambulance personnel directing traffic.

Senator Trenbeath: What concerns me is all the qualifiers in this bill.

John Olson: The reason for this provision is to announce policy, it's not a provision where law enforcement will seek out to convict.

Senator Stenehjem: I see what you're trying to get at. Maybe we should have a section added for multilane rural roads.

John Olson: That's certainly within your prerogative but I personally feel like this proposed bill works anywhere.

Hearing closed.

Committee reopened on 2-15-01.

Proposed amendments distributed. Senator Espegard motions to accept proposed amendment.

Seconded by Senator Mutch. Roll call taken. 6-0-0. Senator Espegard moves to Do Pass as

