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Testimony Submitted by Acting Commissioner James P. Redeker Department of Transportation

H.B. 6196 – An Act Imposing a Temporary Hold on the Issuance of Livery Permits.

Based upon the stated purpose for H.B. 6196 “to evaluate the supply and demand for motor vehicles in livery service”, the Department of Transportation (Department) does not believe the bill is necessary and offers the following comments.

There is an existing application and hearing process that controls the issuance of livery permits. If there is a concern about oversaturation of the market, those concerns are appropriately raised at the hearings.

If H.B. 6196 is to move forward, the Department suggests language be added to clarify whether it affects only new applicants or if it also affects additional permits for existing livery operators. At present, two additional permits can be issued to existing operators each year without a hearing.

The Department is unsure if this restriction also applies to medical livery permits or permits based upon governmental exemptions. Governmental Exemption permits are not subject to hearings and are based upon a statement of need by Medicaid brokers.

The Department feels this change is unnecessary since a mechanism already exists in the hearing process to assess market demand and potential saturation.

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