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Transportation Committee**

**Testimony Submitted by Commissioner James Redeker  
Department of Transportation**

**HB 6340 – An Act Concerning Funeral Processions.**

The Department of Transportation is concerned H.B. 6340 could increase the potential for collisions.

The Department does not recommend Funeral processions have the right-of-way at locations where traffic control devices such as "STOP" signs or traffic signals have been installed. The motoring public is conditioned to obey these devices and the presence of a funeral procession is not always immediately obvious to these motorists.

Given this lack of recognition, a false sense of security is created for procession participants at a time when distractions such as grief, unfamiliarity with the route, etc., compete for their attention.

For these safety reasons, the Department does not support H.B. 6340.

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