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**Legislative Boilerplate Report
Section 732(4) of Act 158 of 2005**

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Fiscal Year 2006 budget included legislative requirements regarding wheelchair lifts for transit agencies that received Fiscal Year 2006 local bus operating assistance from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund.

Section 732(4) Act 158 of 2005 includes the following requirement:

- By April 1, 2006, MDOT is required to certify, in writing, to the Department of Management and Budget and the Legislature that the information provided by each transit agency on October 29, 2005, and on December 31, 2005, is accurate to the best of MDOT's knowledge.

The purpose of this report is to meet the April 1, 2006 certification requirement. Deadlines and actions that preceded this report included:

- Section 732(2) required each transit agency that receives Fiscal Year 2006 local bus operating assistance from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund to report the status of their lifts including the number and percentage of the fleet with operational lifts and the number and percentage of the fleet with operational lifts that are not in working order.
 - Status: All agencies reported all their lifts were operable on their October 29, 2005, report.
- Under Section 732(3), if an agency reported inoperable lifts on October 29, 2005, that agency was required to certify to MDOT by December 31, 2005, that the inoperable lifts were repaired or replaced and that all lifts were operational.
 - Status: No agency reported inoperable lifts on their October 29, 2005, report.
- Under Section 734(4), by April 1, 2006, MDOT is required to certify, in writing, to the Department of Management and Budget and the Legislature that the information provided by each transit agency on October 29, 2005, and on December 31, 2005, is accurate to the best of MDOT's knowledge.

To make the certification required under Section 734(4), MDOT did the following:

- MDOT developed a procedure to monitor the information provided by the transit agencies. Briefly, this procedure called for:
 - MDOT to determine an appropriate sample size of transit agencies to be tested.
 - MDOT to conduct a field test for each agency in sample.
 - For each field test, MDOT staff selected up to 20 percent of the agency's lift-equipped and observed operation of the lifts on all selected buses.
- MDOT completed the testing outlined in the procedure during the month of February 2006.
- Based on the testing, MDOT did not identify any circumstances that conflicted with the information submitted by the sampled transit agencies in October 2005.

Based on the results of the self-reporting by transit agencies and the testing conducted by MDOT, I certify that the information reported by the transit agencies on their October 29, 2005, report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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