

installing tether anchorages in vehicles certified prior to May 1, 2001. Likewise, it will not take any enforcement action against any manufacturer of funeral coaches for not installing a child restraint anchorage system in the front seats of funeral coaches manufactured prior to the date one year after the publication of this rule.

IV. Rulemaking Analyses and Notices

Executive Order 12866 (Federal Regulation) and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

This rulemaking document was not reviewed under E.O. 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review." The agency has considered the impact of this rulemaking action under the Department of Transportation's regulatory policies and procedures, and has determined that it is not "significant" under them. This document amends Standard No. 225 to reflect the staying of the compliance date of one aspect of the Standard as it applies to final stage manufacturers and alterers, and excludes funeral coaches from the standard for a period ending 1 year after the publication of this rule. There are no additional costs associated with this final rule.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-354), as amended, requires agencies to evaluate the potential effects of their proposed and final rules on small businesses, small organizations and small governmental jurisdictions. I hereby certify that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. It amends the Standard to reflect the staying of the compliance date of the tether anchorage requirement as applied to final stage manufacturers and alterers, and for that reason affects a number of small entities. A decision not to stay the compliance date would have significantly affected the entities since the manufacturers could not have produced their vehicles until the tether anchorage requirements in question were met. We provided more time to the manufacturers to facilitate their compliance with the standard.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

NHTSA has analyzed this rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in E.O. 13132, and has determined that it does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant consultation with State and local officials or the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement. The rule will not have any substantial

effects on the States, or on the current Federal-State relationship, or on the current distribution of power and responsibilities among the various local officials.

National Environmental Policy Act

NHTSA has analyzed this rulemaking action for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act. The agency has determined that implementation of this action will not have any significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Executive Order 12778 (Civil Justice Reform)

This rule will not have any retroactive effect. A petition for reconsideration or other administrative proceeding will not be a prerequisite to an action seeking judicial review of this rule. This rule will not preempt the states from adopting laws or regulations on the same subject, except that it will preempt a state regulation that is in actual conflict with the Federal regulation or makes compliance with the Federal regulation impossible or interferes with the implementation of the Federal statute.

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