AN ACT

CONCERNING INFORMATION SIGNS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN SPECIFIED POPULATED AREAS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 43-1-420, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended by the addition of a new subsection to read:

43-1-420. Specific information signs and tourist-oriented directional signs authorized. (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department may erect, administer, and maintain signs within highway rights-of-way upon the interstate system, which rights-of-way are within a populated area, other than a transportation management area, as determined by the United States bureau of the census in its latest census, for the display of advertising and information of interest to the traveling public, pursuant to the federal authority therefor as set forth in 23 U.S.C. secs. 109 (d), 131 (f), and 315 and 49 CFR 1.48 (b).

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution (August 4, 2004, if adjournment sine die is on May 5, 2004); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: February 20, 2004