

CHAPTER 91

TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL 08-1057

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AN ACT**CONCERNING TOURIST-ORIENTED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ALONG RURAL HIGHWAYS.**

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

SECTION 1. 43-1-420 (1) (b) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

43-1-420. Specific information signs and tourist-oriented directional signs authorized. (1) (b) In addition to erecting, administering, and maintaining the signs authorized by paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), the department may authorize the erection, administration, and maintenance of specific information signs within highway rights-of-way upon the interstate system ~~in urbanized areas~~ for the purpose of providing information ~~regarding tourist-oriented attractions of regional interest to the traveling public~~ PURSUANT TO FEDERAL AUTHORITY.

(3) The department may issue permits and adopt rules for the erection, administration, and maintenance of tourist-oriented directional signs within highway rights-of-way not on the interstate system AND NOT ON freeways or expressways, as such highways are defined in ~~such~~ THE rules, THAT ARE IN URBANIZED AREAS, for the display of information of interest to the traveling public pursuant to the federal authority therefor as set forth in 23 U.S.C. secs. 109 (d), 315, and 402 (a) AND 49 CFR 1.48 (b) and in accordance with federal requirements. Any tourist-oriented directional sign erected pursuant to this subsection (3) shall be required to comply with all applicable regulations of the county, city and county, or municipality in which ~~such~~ THE sign is located. A county, city and county, or municipality may choose to authorize such signs within its jurisdiction by adoption of a resolution to that effect by the governing body of ~~that~~ THE county, city and county, or municipality, which resolution shall be directed to the executive director of the

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department or the executive director's designee. Upon receipt of ~~such~~ THE resolution, the department shall authorize further implementation of the tourist-oriented directional sign program within the affected jurisdiction subject to the rules adopted by the department. The department shall not condition eligibility for business signs on the utilization of any other off-premise outdoor advertising devices.

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 6, 2008, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2008); 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: April 3, 2008