

2 **SB 5005 - H AMD 0144 ADOPTED 04/07/99**

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 47.36.320 and 1986 c 114 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 The department is authorized to erect and maintain specific
10 information panels within the right of way of both the primary system
11 and the scenic system to give the traveling public specific information
12 as to gas, food, recreation, or lodging available off the primary or
13 scenic highway accessible by way of highways intersecting the primary
14 or scenic highway. Such specific information panels and tourist-
15 oriented directional signs shall be permitted only at locations within
16 the corporate limits of cities and towns and areas zoned for commercial
17 or industrial uses where there is adequate distance between
18 interchanges to ensure compliance with the provisions of Title 23
19 C.F.R. Secs. 655.308(a) and 655.309(a). Specific information panels
20 shall include the words "GAS," "FOOD," "RECREATION," or "LODGING" and
21 directional information and may contain one or more individual business
22 signs maintained on the panel. The erection and maintenance of
23 specific information panels along primary or scenic highways shall
24 conform to the national standards promulgated by the United States
25 secretary of transportation pursuant to sections 131 and 315 of Title
26 23 United States Code and rules adopted by the state department of
27 transportation including the manual on uniform traffic control devices
28 for streets and highways. A motorist service business located within
29 one mile of a state highway shall not be permitted to display its name,
30 brand, or trademark on a specific information panel unless its owner
31 has first entered into an agreement with the department limiting the
32 height of its on-premise signs at the site of its service installation
33 to not more than fifteen feet higher than the roof of its main
34 building.

35 The department shall adopt rules for the erection and maintenance
36 of tourist-oriented directional signs with the following restrictions:

1 (1) Where installed, they shall be placed in advance of the "GAS,"
2 "FOOD," "RECREATION," or "LODGING" specific information panels
3 previously described in this section;

4 (2) Signs shall not be placed to direct a motorist to an activity
5 visible from the main traveled roadway;

6 (3) Premises on which the qualified tourist-oriented business is
7 located must be within fifteen miles of the state highway except as
8 provided in RCW 47.36.330(3) (b) and (c), and necessary supplemental
9 signing on local roads must be provided before the installation of the
10 signs on the state highway.

11 The department shall charge reasonable fees for the display of
12 individual business signs to defray the costs of their installation and
13 maintenance.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.36.330 and 1985 c 142 s 3 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) Not more than six business signs may be permitted on specific
17 information panels authorized by RCW 47.36.310 and 47.36.320.

18 (2) The maximum distance that eligible service facilities may be
19 located on either side of an interchange or intersection to qualify for
20 a business sign are as follows:

21 (a) On fully-controlled, limited access highways, gas, food, or
22 lodging activities shall be located within three miles. Camping
23 activities shall be within five miles.

24 (b) On highways with partial access control or no access control,
25 gas, food, lodging, or camping activities shall be located within five
26 miles.

27 (3)(a) If no eligible services are located within the distance
28 limits prescribed in subsection (2) of this section, the distance
29 limits shall be increased until an eligible service of a type being
30 considered is reached, up to a maximum of fifteen miles.

31 (b) The department may erect and maintain signs on an alternate
32 route that is longer than fifteen miles if it is safer and still
33 provides reasonable and convenient travel to an eligible service.

34 (c) The department may erect and maintain signs on a route up to a
35 maximum of twenty miles if it qualifies as an eligible service and is
36 within a distressed area under the criteria of chapter 43.165 RCW."

EFFECT: Adds an exception for distressed counties.

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