

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5005**

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HIGHWAY INFORMATION SIGNS--ROUTE MILEAGE

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**President of the Senate**

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CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 7, 1999

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5005** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK  
**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
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**By Senators Loveland, Haugen, Winsley and Rasmussen**

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1            AN ACT Relating to highway information signs; and amending RCW  
2 47.36.320 and 47.36.330.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

6            The department is authorized to erect and maintain specific  
7 information panels within the right of way of both the primary system  
8 and the scenic system to give the traveling public specific information  
9 as to gas, food, recreation, or lodging available off the primary or  
10 scenic highway accessible by way of highways intersecting the primary  
11 or scenic highway. Such specific information panels and tourist-  
12 oriented directional signs shall be permitted only at locations within  
13 the corporate limits of cities and towns and areas zoned for commercial  
14 or industrial uses where there is adequate distance between  
15 interchanges to ensure compliance with the provisions of Title 23  
16 C.F.R. Secs. 655.308(a) and 655.309(a). Specific information panels  
17 shall include the words "GAS," "FOOD," "RECREATION," or "LODGING" and  
18 directional information and may contain one or more individual business  
19 signs maintained on the panel. The erection and maintenance of

1 specific information panels along primary or scenic highways shall  
2 conform to the national standards promulgated by the United States  
3 secretary of transportation pursuant to sections 131 and 315 of Title  
4 23 United States Code and rules adopted by the state department of  
5 transportation including the manual on uniform traffic control devices  
6 for streets and highways. A motorist service business located within  
7 one mile of a state highway shall not be permitted to display its name,  
8 brand, or trademark on a specific information panel unless its owner  
9 has first entered into an agreement with the department limiting the  
10 height of its on-premise signs at the site of its service installation  
11 to not more than fifteen feet higher than the roof of its main  
12 building.

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

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

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

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

25 The department shall charge reasonable fees for the display of  
26 individual business signs to defray the costs of their installation and  
27 maintenance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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