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SENATE BILL **321**

AN ACT relative to motorist service signs.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Rep. Ratzki, Merr 1

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes motorist service signs indicating the location of an attraction in advance of intersections on limited access highways. This bill also authorizes the commissioner of transportation to contract with a private entity to administer the motorist service signing program and eliminates restrictions on fees charged to participants.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 320:1 Motorist Service Signing Program; Fees. Amend RSA 230:49 to read as follows:

2 230:49 Motorist Service Signing Program Established; Signs.

3 I. The location of essential motorist services, including food, fuel, lodging, camping, and
4 attractions, on connecting service roads within 3 miles of the intersection with the limited access
5 highway, within 5 miles for a campground, within 20 miles for an attraction, or within 1 mile of the
6 intersection in urban compact areas, may be indicated to users of the limited access facility by
7 appropriate signs, the specifications of which shall be determined by the commissioner of
8 transportation. The distance specified shall be measured by computing the travel length from the
9 terminal of an exit ramp to the nearest point along the public highway where the nearest existing
10 driveway entrance to the service is reached. ***Motorist service signs indicating the location of
11 an attraction, but not food, fuel, lodging, or camping, may be placed in advance of
12 intersections on limited access highways.***

13 II. Signs permitted under paragraph I may be rented for a fee established by rules adopted
14 by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to RSA 541-A. ***The cost of design, construction,
15 maintenance, and installation of any signage or replacement signage authorized under
16 paragraph I shall not be a charge to the state.*** [~~The amount of the fee charged to any
17 participant shall be reasonable and equitable and not exceed a fair portion of the full cost of
18 administering the motorist service signing program, including labor, equipment, maintenance, and
19 material costs for state and contract services.~~] ***Alternatively, the commissioner may contract
20 with a private entity to administer the program; fees shall be in accordance with the
21 contract and forwarded to the commissioner by the administering entity.*** The sum of the fees
22 collected shall be sufficient to ensure the motorist service sign program is self-supporting.

23 320:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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25 Approved: August 1, 2014

26 Effective Date: August 1, 2014