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 HB 431

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to tourist-oriented directional sign
 3 program; creating s. 479.262, F.S.; providing for the
 4 establishment of the program in rural areas; specifying
 5 criteria for the program; permitting establishment of fees
 6 to offset costs; providing that a directional sign site or
 7 location does not create a proprietary or compensable
 8 interest; providing termination of directional sign
 9 permits and change in location sites; providing for
 10 adoption of rules; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Creating section 479.262, Florida Statutes, to
 15 read:

16 479.262 Tourist-oriented directional sign program.--

17 (1) A tourist-oriented directional sign program to provide
 18 directions to rural tourist-oriented businesses, services, and
 19 activities may be established in rural counties identified by
 20 criteria and population in s. 288.0656 when approved and
 21 permitted by county or local government entities within their
 22 respective jurisdictional areas at intersections on rural and
 23 conventional state, county, or municipal roads. A county or
 24 local government which issues permits for a tourist-oriented
 25 directional sign program shall be responsible for sign
 26 construction, maintenance, and program operation in compliance
 27 with subsection (3) for roads on the state highway system and
 28 may establish permit fees sufficient to offset associated costs.

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29 (2) This section does not create a proprietary or
30 compensable interest in any tourist-oriented directional sign
31 site or location for any permittee on any rural and conventional
32 state, county, or municipal roads. The department or the
33 permitting entity may terminate permits or change locations of
34 tourist-oriented directional sign sites as determined necessary
35 for construction or improvement of transportation facilities or
36 for improved traffic control or safety.

37 (3) Tourist-oriented directional signs installed on the
38 state highway system shall comply with the requirements of the
39 federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and rules
40 established by the department. The department may adopt rules to
41 establish requirements for participant qualification,
42 construction standards, location of sign sites, and other
43 criteria necessary to implement this program.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.