

By Senator Fasano

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See HB 431

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to tourist-oriented directional

3 sign program; creating s. 479.262, F.S.;

4 providing for the establishment of the program

5 in rural areas; specifying criteria for the

6 program; permitting establishment of fees to

7 offset costs; providing that a directional sign

8 site or location does not create a proprietary

9 or compensable interest; providing termination

10 of directional sign permits and change in

11 location sites; providing for adoption of

12 rules; providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Creating section 479.262, Florida Statutes,
17 to read:

18 479.262 Tourist-oriented directional sign program.--

19 (1) A tourist-oriented directional sign program to

20 provide directions to rural tourist-oriented businesses,

21 services, and activities may be established in rural counties

22 identified by criteria and population in s. 288.0656 when

23 approved and permitted by county or local government entities

24 within their respective jurisdictional areas at intersections

25 on rural and conventional state, county, or municipal roads. A

26 county or local government which issues permits for a

27 tourist-oriented directional sign program shall be responsible

28 for sign construction, maintenance, and program operation in

29 compliance with subsection (3) for roads on the state highway

30 system and may establish permit fees sufficient to offset

31 associated costs.

1 (2) This section does not create a proprietary or
2 compensable interest in any tourist-oriented directional sign
3 site or location for any permittee on any rural and
4 conventional state, county, or municipal roads. The department
5 or the permitting entity may terminate permits or change
6 locations of tourist-oriented directional sign sites as
7 determined necessary for construction or improvement of
8 transportation facilities or for improved traffic control or
9 safety.

10 (3) Tourist-oriented directional signs installed on
11 the state highway system shall comply with the requirements of
12 the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and
13 rules established by the department. The department may adopt
14 rules to establish requirements for participant qualification,
15 construction standards, location of sign sites, and other
16 criteria necessary to implement this program.

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