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Introduced by Representatives Gannon of Wilmington and Pajala of

Londonderry

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; tourist information services; signs;

exemptions

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a town

to hang, for 16 days, a banner over a highway right-of-way announcing an

event.

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An act relating to town banners over highway rights-of-way

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

§ 494. EXEMPT SIGNS

The following signs are exempt from the requirements of this chapter

except as indicated in section 495 of this title:

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(18) A sign that is a banner erected by a city, town, or village over a highway right-of-way for not more than 16 days if the banner announces a civic campaign, drive, or event and the bottom of the banner is not less than

1 14 feet above the surface of the highway. As used in this subdivision (18),  
2 “banner” means a sign that is constructed of soft cloth or fabric or flexible  
3 material such as vinyl or plastic cardboard.

4 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 495 is amended to read:

5 § 495. OTHER REGULATIONS APPLYING TO PERMITTED SIGNS

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7 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, a person, firm, or  
8 corporation shall not erect or maintain any outdoor advertising structure,  
9 device, or display within the limits of the highway right-of-way; however, this  
10 limitation shall not apply to the signs and devices referred to in subdivisions  
11 494(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (10), (14), and (17) of this title.

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13 (f) Except on limited access facilities, the limitation established by  
14 subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to the signs referred to in  
15 subdivision 494(18) of this title.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.