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2 Introduced by Senator White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; tourist information services; exempt  
6 signs; census-designated places

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a town  
8 to approve a sign visible to the traveling public that refers only to a  
9 census-designated place within the town rather than the entire town.

10 An act relating to “welcome to” signs for census-designated places within  
11 towns

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

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

14 § 494. EXEMPT SIGNS

15 The following signs are exempt from the requirements of this chapter  
16 except as indicated in section 495 of this title:

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18 (4) Signs erected and maintained by or with the approval of a town  
19 outside the highway right-of-way, each of which does not exceed 64 square  
20 feet in area, excluding panel and frame, which may show the place and time of

1 services or meetings of churches and civic organizations in the town, and  
2 which may include a panel which identifies the name of the town, the charter  
3 date, the date the town was founded, or any other significant date in the history  
4 of the town, and which the town wishes to identify. The panel may bear the  
5 wording “welcome to” the particular town. Not more than two such signs may  
6 be erected and maintained readable by traffic proceeding in any one direction  
7 on any one highway. The signs shall meet the criteria of the Agency of  
8 Transportation and the Travel Information Council. A sign that otherwise  
9 meets the requirements of this subdivision may refer to a census-designated  
10 place within a town rather than the town itself. As used in this subdivision,  
11 “census-designated place” means a statistical entity consisting of a settled  
12 concentration of population that is identifiable by name, is not legally  
13 incorporated under the laws of the State, and is delineated as such a place by  
14 the U.S. Census Bureau according to its guidelines.

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16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.