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Introduced by Representatives Gannon of Wilmington and Sibilias of Dover

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.

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 14 feet above the surface of the highway. As used in this subdivision (18),

1 “banner” means a sign that is constructed of soft cloth or fabric or flexible  
2 material such as vinyl or plastic cardboard.

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

4 § 495. OTHER REGULATIONS APPLYING TO PERMITTED SIGNS

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

11 (e) Except on those highways maintained exclusively by the ~~agency of~~  
12 ~~transportation~~ Agency of Transportation and on limited access facilities, the  
13 limitation established by subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to the  
14 signs and devices referred to in subdivisions 494(9) and (11) of this title.

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

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.