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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) A sign that is a banner erected by a city, town, or village over a highway right-of-way for not more than 21 days if:

(i) it announces a civic campaign, drive, or event;

(ii) the bottom of the banner is not less than 16 feet 6 inches above the surface of the highway;

(iii) it is securely fastened with breakaway fasteners; and

(iv) it does not advertise a business.

(B) As used in this subdivision (18), "banner" means a sign that is constructed of soft cloth or fabric or flexible material such as vinyl or plastic cardboard.

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

§ 495. OTHER REGULATIONS APPLYING TO PERMITTED SIGNS

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

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

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.