

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 292 entitled “An act relating to banners over highway rights-of-way”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 494. EXEMPT SIGNS

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

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

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

15 (ii) the bottom of the banner is not less than 14 feet above the
16 surface of the highway;

17 (iii) it is securely fastened; and

18 (iv) it does not advertise a business.

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

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

2 § 495. OTHER REGULATIONS APPLYING TO PERMITTED SIGNS

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

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

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE