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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 61
90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Tourism, February 8, 1999, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 226.525, RSMo 1994, relating to tourist-oriented directional signs, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 226.525, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 226.525, to read as follows:

226.525. The state highways and transportation commission [is directed to erect within the right-of-way of all classes of highways within the state] **shall adopt rules to implement a program for the erection and maintenance of tourist-oriented directional signs within the right-of-way of state highways in the state. The tourist-oriented directional signs shall provide business identification and directional information for natural attractions and activities which, during a normal business season, derive a major portion of the income and visitors for the business or activity from motorists not residing in the immediate area of the business or activity. Natural attractions and activities eligible for such tourist-oriented directional signs shall include, but not be limited to, caves, museums and wineries.** Signs and notices pertaining to publicly and privately owned natural [wonders and scenic] and historical attractions **shall be erected** under the following conditions:

(1) Such signs shall not violate any federal law, rule, or regulation affecting the allocation of federal funds to the state of Missouri or which violate any safety regulation formally promulgated by the state highways and transportation commission.

(2) Such official signs shall be limited in content to the name of the attraction and necessary travel information.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

(3) The state highways and transportation commission shall determine those sites and attractions for which directional and other official signs may be erected as permitted by section 131 of Title 23, United States Code, which it deems of such importance as to justify such signing, using as a guide those publicly or privately owned natural wonders and scenic, historic, educational, cultural, or recreational sites which have been determined to be of general interest.

(4) The state highways and transportation commission may require reimbursement for the cost of erection and maintenance of the official directional signs authorized hereunder when sites or attractions are privately owned by other than the state or political subdivisions. The state highways and transportation commission shall prescribe the size, number and locations of such signs based upon its determination of the travelers' need for directional information.

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