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Introduced by Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Beck of St. Johnsbury,
Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Hebert of
Vernon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Martin of Wolcott, Patt of
Worcester, Savage of Swanton, and Woodward of Johnson

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Transportation; travel information; directional signs; designated
centers

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
municipalities to install signs, inside or outside a highway right-of-way, that
direct travelers to a downtown development district, village center, new town
center, or growth center designated under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76. Agency of
Transportation approval would be required before installation inside the
right-of-way.

An act relating to municipal directional signs to designated centers

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

2 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 494 is added to read:

3 § 494. EXEMPT SIGNS

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

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7 (18) Signs erected and maintained by a municipality inside or outside
8 the highway right-of-way, each of which does not exceed 12 square feet in
9 area, excluding panel and frame, that direct travelers to a downtown
10 development district, village center, new town center, or growth center
11 designated under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76A. A municipality may erect no more
12 than two such signs, and shall maintain the signs to be readable by traffic
13 proceeding in any one direction on any one highway. The signs shall meet the
14 criteria of the Agency of Transportation and the Travel Information Council.
15 In addition, before erecting a sign inside the highway right-of-way under this
16 subdivision, a municipality shall obtain written approval from the Agency of
17 Transportation.

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19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.