

1 H.628

2 Introduced by Representative McCullough of Williston

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Highways; transportation; signs; municipal authority; tourism;
6 bicycles; motor vehicles

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Cross Vermont Trail Association to furnish, install, and maintain directional
9 signs that comply with the MUTCD at all State and municipal highway
10 intersections and at the locations where the Cross Vermont Trail intersects,
11 enters, or exits State and town highways.

12 An act relating to Cross Vermont Trail directional signs

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

14 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

15 The General Assembly finds that:

16 (1) Tourism is a significant part of Vermont's economy.

17 (2) Bicycle tourism is an increasing part of Vermont's economy.

18 (3) State and municipal highway directional signs are an integral and
19 necessary part of Vermont's transportation infrastructure for all modes of
20 transportation.

1 (4) Sufficient highway route directional signs are a convenience and a
2 safety necessity for travelers.

3 Sec. 2. 19 V.S.A. § 2307 is amended to read:

4 § 2307. MUNICIPALITIES; LEGISLATIVE BODIES

5 (a) Municipal authority. Legislative bodies of municipalities shall have the
6 same powers granted the agency under sections 2302, 2303, and 2305 of this
7 title relating to highways under their jurisdiction, and funds appropriated to
8 municipalities under section 306 of this title may be used for the establishment
9 of bicycle routes.

10 (b) Taking of private lands. In the construction, reconstruction, alteration,
11 or repair of bicycle routes ~~which~~ that involves the taking of private lands, the
12 legislative body of a municipality shall follow the procedures outlined in
13 chapter 5 or chapter 7 of this title for the taking of private land for highways.

14 (c) Cross Vermont Trail signs. Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this
15 section and 24 V.S.A. § 2291(4) and (7), the Cross Vermont Trails Association
16 shall place Cross Vermont Trail directional signs pursuant to section 1107a of
17 this title.

18 Sec. 3. 19 V.S.A. § 1107a is added to read:

19 § 1107a. CROSS VERMONT TRAIL SIGNS

20 The Cross Vermont Trail Association shall, at its expense, furnish, install,
21 and maintain directional signs that comply with the MUTCD at all State and

1 municipal highway intersections and at the locations where the Cross Vermont
2 Trail intersects, enters, or exits State and town highways. The Cross Vermont
3 Trail Association may collaborate with the Agency of Transportation on the
4 placement of directional signs.

5 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.