

## CHAPTER 142

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 133]  
HIGHWAY INFORMATION PANELS

AN ACT Relating to highway information panels; amending RCW 47.42.046 and 47.42-.047; and adding new sections to chapter 47.42 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 80, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 223, chapter 7, Laws of 1984 and RCW 47.42.046 are each amended to read as follows:

The department is authorized to erect and maintain specific information panels within the right of way of the interstate highway system to give the traveling public specific information as to gas, food, or lodging available on a crossroad at or near an interchange. Specific information panels shall include the words "GAS," "FOOD," or "LODGING" and directional information and may contain one or more individual business signs maintained on the panel. Specific information panels are authorized within the corporate limits of cities and towns and areas zoned for commercial or industrial uses at locations where there is adequate distance between interchanges to ensure compliance with the provisions of Title 23 C.F.R. sec. 655.307(a). The erection and maintenance of specific information panels shall conform to the national standards promulgated by the United States secretary of transportation pursuant to sections 131 and 315 of Title 23, United States Code and rules adopted by the state department of transportation. A motorist service business shall not be permitted to display its name, brand, or trademark on a specific information panel unless its owner has first entered into an agreement with the department limiting the height of its on-premise signs at the site of its service installation to not more than fifteen feet higher than the roof of its main building. The department shall charge reasonable fees for the display of individual business signs to defray the costs of their installation and maintenance.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 80, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 224, chapter 7, Laws of 1984 and RCW 47.42.047 are each amended to read as follows:

The department is authorized to erect and maintain specific information panels within the right of way of ~~((those portions))~~ both ~~((of))~~ the primary system and the scenic system ~~((lying outside of cities and towns and lying outside of commercial and industrial areas))~~ to give the traveling public specific information as to gas, food, recreation, or lodging available off the primary or scenic highway accessible by way of highways intersecting the primary or scenic highway. Such specific information panels shall be permitted only at locations within the corporate limits of cities and towns and areas zoned for commercial or industrial uses where there is adequate

distance between interchanges to ensure compliance with the provisions of Title 23 C.F.R. secs. 655.308(a) and 655.309(a). Specific information panels shall include the words "GAS," "FOOD," "RECREATION," or "LODGING" and directional information and may contain one or more individual business signs maintained on the panel. The erection and maintenance of specific information panels along primary or scenic highways shall conform to the national standards promulgated by the United States secretary of transportation pursuant to sections 131 and 315 of Title 23 United States Code and rules adopted by the state department of transportation including the manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways. A motorist service business shall not be permitted to display its name, brand, or trademark on a specific information panel unless its owner has first entered into an agreement with the department limiting the height of its on-premise signs at the site of its service installation to not more than fifteen feet higher than the roof of its main building.

The department shall charge reasonable fees for the display of individual business signs to defray the costs of their installation and maintenance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 47.42 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Not more than six business signs may be permitted on specific information panels authorized by RCW 47.42.046 and 47.42.047.

(2) The maximum distance that eligible service facilities may be located on either side of an interchange or intersection to qualify for a business sign are as follows:

(a) On fully-controlled, limited access highways, gas, food, or lodging activities shall be located within three miles. Camping activities shall be within five miles.

(b) On highways with partial access control or no access control, gas, food, lodging, or camping activities shall be located within five miles.

(3) If no eligible services are located within the distance limits prescribed in subsection (2) of this section, the distance limits shall be increased until an eligible service of a type being considered is reached, up to a maximum of fifteen miles.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 47.42 RCW to read as follows:

If the secretary of the United States department of transportation finds any part of this chapter to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this chapter is hereby declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly affected, and such finding or determination shall not affect the operation of the remainder of this chapter in its application to the agencies concerned. The

rules under this chapter shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state.

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## CHAPTER 143

[Substitute House Bill No. 1191]

### NEWLY INCORPORATED CITIES—TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

AN ACT Relating to incorporation of cities and towns; and adding new sections to chapter 35.21 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:

Counties shall continue to provide the following services to newly incorporated cities or towns at the preincorporation level as follows:

(1) Law enforcement services shall be provided for a period not to exceed sixty days or until the city or town is receiving or could have begun receiving sales tax distributions under RCW 82.14.020(1), whichever is the shortest time period.

(2) Road maintenance shall be for a period not to exceed sixty days or until any tax distribution from the road district tax levy is made to the newly incorporated city or town pursuant to RCW 35A.03.151 and 35A.03.152, whichever is the shorter time period.

**\*NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:

*It is the desire of the legislature that the citizens of newly incorporated cities or towns receive uninterrupted and adequate services in the period prior to the city or town government attaining the ability to provide such service levels. In addition to the services provided under section 1 of this act, it is the purpose of this section to permit the county or counties in which a newly incorporated city or town is located to contract with the newly incorporated city or town for the continuation of essential services until the newly incorporated city or town has attained the ability to provide such services at least at the levels provided by the county before the incorporation. These essential services include but are not limited to, law enforcement, road and street maintenance, drainage and other utility services previously provided by the county before incorporation. In negotiating contracts for these and other services, the county shall grant credit to the newly incorporated city or town*