

CHAPTER 413—S.F.No. 1584

An act relating to transportation; providing for specific information signing for resorts and recreational camping areas along certain highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [160.292] **INFORMATION SIGNS FOR RESORTS AND RECREATIONAL CAMPING AREAS; DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 1 to 5 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Specific service sign" means a rectangular sign panel not greater than 1-1/2 feet by six feet displaying a resort or recreational camping area business name and, where appropriate, the direction to and distance to the camping area.

Subd. 3. "Specific service sign assembly" means a combination of specific service sign panels not to exceed four panels to be placed within the right of way on appropriate approaches to an intersection.

Subd. 4. "Specific service sign cluster" means a grouping of specific service sign assemblies not exceeding two in number on appropriate approaches to an intersection.

Subd. 5. "Nonfreeway type highway" means all roadways with crossing traffic at grade intersections except the roadway may have an isolated interchange.

Subd. 6. "Resort" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 157.01.

Subd. 7. "Recreational camping area" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 327.14, Subdivision 8.

Subd. 8. "Local road" means any nontrunk highway.

Subd. 9. "Specific service" means resorts or recreational camping areas that provide sleeping accommodations for the recreational traveler.

Sec. 2. [160.293] **INTENDED USE.** Subdivision 1. **PURPOSE.** Specific service signs are to be used to create and implement a system of signing for the purpose of displaying resort and recreational camping area information to the traveling public on nonfreeway type trunk highways in rural areas. They may be used on by-passes of outstate municipalities consistent with other provisions, as provided in sections 1 to 5.

Subd. 2. **SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS ON NONFREEWAY HIGHWAYS.** A specific service sign may not be included in the signing of trunk highway intersections if the place of business is readily visible or effective directional advertising is visible or the sign can be legally and effectively located near the intersection. Specific service signs may be placed on the approaches of a trunk highway intersection with a local road.

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Subd. 3. **NUMBER OF TRUNK HIGHWAY INTERSECTIONS.** A specific service sign for a resort or recreational camping area is limited to one intersection on the trunk highway system.

Subd. 4. **TRAILBLAZING.** Appropriate signing on local roads between a trunk highway intersection and a specific service shall be the responsibility of the specific service and the local road authority.

Subd. 5. **SIGNING STANDARDS.** Placement of specific service sign assemblies shall be in accordance with sections 1 to 5 and existing traffic control device standards.

Subd. 6. **RURAL ROAD MARKINGS.** Rural roads, named and marked in accordance with resolutions from their road authority, shall continue to be identified.

Sec. 3. **[160.294] SIGN DETAILS.** Subdivision 1. **CONSTRUCTION OF SIGN.** Specific service sign panels shall be made of reflective sheeting and shall be on blue background with white letters, arrows and border. The directional arrow and mileage shall be displayed on the same side of the panel as the direction of turn. Signing for straight ahead movement shall not be permitted.

Subd. 2. **SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGN ASSEMBLIES.** Left directional panels shall be placed on top of the right directional panels. A gap shall separate a left panel from the right panel. An assembly shall be spaced preferably 300 feet, but a minimum of 200 feet from other required signing. If no other signing is located at an intersection, the assembly shall be placed 300 feet in advance of the intersection. Assemblies within a cluster shall not be placed closer than 300 feet. No specific service sign or assembly shall be placed at a location that will interfere with other necessary signing.

Sec. 4. **[160.295] CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS.** Subdivision 1. **CONFORMITY WITH LAW.** A specific service identified on a specific service sign shall be in conformity with all applicable laws and regulations concerning the provisions for public accommodation without regard to race, religion, color, sex or national origin.

Subd. 2. **DISTANCE TO SPECIFIC SERVICE.** A specific service sign may be placed on a nonfreeway type road if the specific service is located within ten miles of the qualifying site.

Subd. 3. **RESORT WARRANT.** Resorts served by the specific service signing shall be licensed by the state department of health as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 157.03.

Subd. 4. **RECREATIONAL CAMPING AREA.** Recreational camping areas shall possess a state department of health license as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 327.15 and the following:

- (1) A minimum of 15 camping spaces;

(2) Modern sanitary facilities (flush, chemical, or incinerator toilets) and drinking water; and

(3) Services available 24 hours a day.

Sec. 5. [160.296] **SIGNS; ADMINISTRATION; RULES.** Subdivision 1. **PROCEDURE.** A person who desires a specific service sign panel shall request the commissioner of transportation to install the sign. The commissioner of transportation may grant the request if the applicant qualifies for the sign panel and if space is available. All signs shall be fabricated, installed, maintained, replaced and removed by the commissioner of transportation. The applicant shall pay a fee to the commissioner of transportation to cover all costs for fabricating, installing, maintaining, replacing and removing. The requests for specific service sign panels shall be renewed every three years.

Subd. 2. **SEASONAL SERVICES.** All sign panels for seasonal services shall be covered or removed when the service is not available.

Subd. 3. **COMMUNICATIONS.** Any new or participating specific service business shall respond to any communication from the commissioner of transportation within 30 days or an in place sign panel will be removed.

Subd. 4. **SIGN REMOVAL.** The specific service sign panels shall be removed by the commissioner of transportation if any of the requirements in sections 1 to 5 are not continually met.

Sec. 6. [160.297] **OTHER LAWS.** Sections 1 to 5 provide additional authority to erect signs on nonfreeway type highways and do not limit the authority to erect highway signs provided by other law or rule.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved March 31, 1980

CHAPTER 414—S.F.No. 1633

An act relating to veterans; modifying the duties, authority and scope of operations of the department of veterans affairs; authorizing the commissioner of veterans affairs to accept uncompensated voluntary services; entitling uncompensated voluntary workers to the benefits of workers' compensation; providing for the appointment of the commissioner of veterans affairs as the guardian of an estate; revising the veterans home eligibility requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 196.05; 196.051; 197.06; 198.01; and Minnesota Statutes, 1979 Supplement, Section 176.011, Subdivision 9.

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