

HOUSE BILL No. 5229

November 4, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Hune, Vander Veen, Brown, DeRoche, Garfield, Gaffney, Huizenga, Emmons, Nofs, Acciavatti, Ward, Walker, Amos, Nitz, LaJoy, Farrah, Gleason and Elkins and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 299, entitled

"An act to regulate tourist-oriented directional signs on certain rural roads; and to impose certain duties upon the state transportation department,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 247.401).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the state transportation department.

3 (b) "Eligible attraction" means a tourist-oriented activity

4 that is all of the following:

5 (i) Within 10 miles of the rural road for which a

6 tourist-oriented directional sign is sought, unless otherwise

7 restricted or permitted by the department.

8 (ii) Not visible from the rural road for which a

9 tourist-oriented directional sign is sought.

10 (iii) In compliance with ~~section 131 of title 23 of the~~

1 ~~United States Code, 23 U.S.C.~~ **23 USC** 131, and the national
2 standards, criteria, and rules established under that act, if the
3 activity is advertised by rural road signs.

4 (c) "Rural road" means a highway as that term is defined in
5 section 20 of the Michigan vehicle code, ~~Act No. 300 of the~~
6 ~~Public Acts of 1949, being section 257.20 of the Michigan~~
7 ~~Compiled Laws~~ **1949 PA 300, MCL 257.20**, but does not include
8 ~~any~~ **either** of the following:

9 ~~(i) A road or street within the boundaries of an~~
10 ~~incorporated city or village.~~

11 **(i)** ~~(ii)~~ A limited access highway as that term is defined
12 in section 26 of ~~Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being~~
13 ~~section 257.26 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ **the Michigan**
14 **vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.26.**

15 **(ii)** ~~(iii)~~ A road that is part of the national system of
16 interstate and defense highways.

17 (d) "Tourist-oriented activity" means a lawful cultural,
18 historical, recreational, educational, or commercial activity
19 that is annually attended by 2,000 or more people and for which a
20 major portion of the activity's income or visitors are derived
21 during the normal business season from motorists not residing in
22 the immediate area of the activity.

23 (e) "Tourist-oriented directional sign" means a sign used to
24 provide motorists with advanced notice of a tourist-oriented
25 activity.