



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 179

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 517

Senate, March 26, 2008

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FARMS AND INTERSTATE SIGN PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of
- 2 Transportation shall include farms and farming activities related to
- 3 agricultural tourism within any interstate sign program administered
- 4 by said department pursuant to section 13a-123 of the general statutes.
- 5 Such farms and farming activities shall be listed as attractions for
- 6 purposes of any such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

"logo" was deleted and a statutory section reference was inserted for accuracy.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Department of Transportation	TF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Transportation to post Logo signs on all expressways that advertise farms and farming activities related to agricultural tourism. The cost to the Department of Transportation is between \$17,000 and \$20,000 to purchase and install each sign. If the state chose to install 100 signs the cost would be between \$170,000 and \$200,000.

Up to six businesses closest in proximity to the sign can have their logos placed on the sign. Applications cost \$1,500 and are paid by the business. There is a revenue gain to the Transportation Fund from farms and agricultural businesses applying to have their logos placed on expressways Logo signs. If 100 farms and agricultural businesses submitted applications in one fiscal year, the revenue gain to the Transportation Fund would be \$150,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to include farms and farming activities related to agricultural tourism in any interstate sign program it administers and to list the farms and farming activities as attractions in the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

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