



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 345**

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Senate Bill No. 427

*Senate, March 31, 2009*

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF CONTROL CITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 13a-119 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The commissioner, whenever in his opinion the same is  
4 necessary, shall on any state highway, and may on any town highway,  
5 erect and maintain suitable warning and directional signs for the  
6 guidance of persons traveling thereon and may erect and maintain  
7 traffic control signals, devices, signs and markings on state highways,  
8 as approved by the State Traffic Commission. All of such signs and  
9 devices shall conform to the specifications of the manual of uniform  
10 traffic control devices as approved and revised by the State Traffic  
11 Commission.

12 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
13 the provisions of chapter 54, for the designation of control cities in  
14 accordance with the standards established by the American

15 Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	13a-119

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

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 House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Transportation, Dept.	TF - Cost	Greater than \$100,000	Greater than \$100,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is a cost to the Department of Transportation in excess of \$100,000 to replace interstate highway signs.

**The Out Years**

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

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 427*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF CONTROL CITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the transportation commissioner to adopt regulations for designating “control cities” in accordance with the standards of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**BACKGROUND*****Control Cities***

Control cities are forward locations shown on highway signs on the Interstate Highway System. AASHTO periodically publishes a list of control cities for all Interstate routes. Control cities are locations determined by each state to be major destinations or population centers on or near the Interstate Highway System. Once control cities designated, successive signs throughout the length of the route are expected to display only these cities until the destinations are reached.

Under the AASHTO guidelines, states may submit requests for the addition of cities to the list of control cities to the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering for consideration. The state’s request should include a statement of the proposed addition or change, an illustration which would be helpful to understand the request, and any supporting data or information that would present justification for making the addition or change. A task force selected by the subcommittee reviews the submitted information and makes its recommendation to the subcommittee for a vote. Recommendations are presented to the AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways and

its Board of Directors for approval.

**AASHTO**

AASHTO is a professional association consisting of state agencies with official highway and transportation responsibilities. Its primary mission is to advocate transportation-related policies, provide technical services to member states, and establish uniform guidelines and standards, many of which have been adopted as national standards.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34    Nay 2    (03/09/2009)