

May 30, 2000

S 1544. TOURIST DIRECTIONAL SIGN PROGRAM. TO ESTABLISH A TOURIST ORIENTED DIRECTIONAL SIGN (TODS) PROGRAM. Creates new Art. 11B in GS Ch. 136 (GS 136-140.15 through 136-140.19) requiring DOT to implement a tourist oriented directional sign (TODS) program. Defines a TODS as a guide sign displaying business identification and directional information for tourist-oriented businesses, services, and activities. Specifies eligibility criteria for businesses to be included on signs and requires DOT to issue rules dealing with, among other things, fees for cost of signs; size, color, and letter height of signs; and number of panels per sign. Appropriates \$10,000 from General Fund to DOT for 2000-2001 to implement program. Effective July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Garrou.

Ref. to Appropriations	GS 136, APPROP
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June 27, 2000

S 1544. TOURIST DIRECTIONAL SIGN PROGRAM. Intro. 5/29/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds definitions of "tourist-oriented business" and "tourist-oriented facility." Adds two new eligibility criteria: (a) does not restrict access to facilities by general public, and (b) complies with all laws and regulations concerning non-discriminatory equal access. Directs DOT to limit placement of TODS to along highways other than fully controlled access highways and to rural areas in and around municipalities with population less than 25,000. Deletes appropriation. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

June 28, 2000

S 1544. TOURIST DIRECTIONAL SIGN PROGRAM. Intro. 5/25/00. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds provision requiring the Dept. of Transportation to develop a system whereby applicants for tourist-oriented directional signs may participate on a rotational basis.