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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 226.525, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to tourist-oriented directional highway signs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 226.525, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 226.525, to read as follows:

226.525. 1. The state highways and transportation commission is directed
2 to erect within the right-of-way of all classes of highways within the state signs
3 and notices pertaining to publicly and privately owned natural wonders and
4 scenic and historical attractions under the following conditions:

5 (1) Such signs shall not violate any federal law, rule, or regulation
6 affecting the allocation of federal funds to the state of Missouri or which violate
7 any safety regulation formally promulgated by the state highways and
8 transportation commission.

9 (2) Such official signs shall be limited in content to the name of the
10 attraction and necessary travel information.

11 (3) The state highways and transportation commission shall determine
12 those sites and attractions for which directional and other official signs may be
13 erected as permitted by Section 131 of Title 23, United States Code, which it
14 deems of such importance as to justify such signing, using as a guide those
15 publicly or privately owned natural wonders and scenic, historic, educational,
16 cultural, or recreational sites which have been determined to be of general
17 interest. **The Metropolitan Community College District of Kansas City**
18 **shall be grandfathered for signage updating and replacement as a**
19 **qualifying school and treated as a qualifying school in like fashion to**
20 **other public college qualifying institutions, including costs associated**

21 **with the college generator signs.**

22 (4) The state highways and transportation commission may require
23 reimbursement for the cost of erection and maintenance of the official directional
24 signs authorized hereunder when sites or attractions are privately owned by other
25 than the state or political subdivisions. The state highways and transportation
26 commission shall prescribe the size, number and locations of such signs based
27 upon its determination of the travelers' need for directional information.

28 2. The commission shall adopt rules to implement a program for the
29 erection and maintenance of tourist-oriented directional signs within the
30 right-of-way of state highways in the state. The tourist-oriented directional signs
31 shall provide business identification and directional information for natural
32 attractions and activities which, during a normal business season, derive a major
33 portion of the income and visitors for the business or activity from motorists not
34 residing in the immediate area of the business or activity. Natural attractions
35 and activities eligible for such tourist-oriented directional signs shall include, but
36 not be limited to, caves, museums, wineries, antique business districts and
37 tourist-oriented directional signs indicating the location of any veterans'
38 memorial located at any college in such county provided that such signs are
39 located on a highway known as the "Veterans' Memorial Highway" in any county
40 of the first classification with a population of more than one hundred seventy
41 thousand inhabitants but less than two hundred thousand inhabitants.

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