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Senate Bill 735 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Jason E. Allen
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 299 of 1996, which regulates tourism signs on certain rural roads, to require the operator of a tourist-oriented attraction who wished to erect a tourist-oriented directional sign within the jurisdiction of an incorporated city or village to apply to the city or village for permission to erect the sign, if the city or village had adopted an ordinance allowing the signs within its jurisdictional boundaries.

Under the Act, if the operator of a tourist-oriented activity wishes to participate in a directional sign program, the operator must apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation and pay a fee upon being issued a permit. The bill would make an exception to this requirement for an operator who wished to place a tourist-oriented directional sign within the boundaries of a city or village.

A city or village that had adopted an ordinance allowing the signs could reject any application for tourist-oriented directional signs within its jurisdictional limits. A tourist-oriented directional sign could not be posted within the limits of a city or village that had not adopted an ordinance allowing the signs.

The Act required the Department to implement a program for the placement of tourist-directional signs and markers within the right-of-way of those portions of rural roads within State jurisdiction. "Rural road" means a highway but does not include a road or street within the boundaries of an incorporated city or village, a limited access highway, or a road that is part of the national system of interstate and defense highways. The bill would delete the exclusion of a road or street within the boundaries of an incorporated city or village.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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