

# Committee Report

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**January 28, 2021**

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Public Works and Highways to which  
was referred HB 305,**

**AN ACT relative to motorist service signs on limited  
access highways. Having considered the same, report  
the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT  
TO PASS.**

**Rep. John Cloutier**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Public Works and Highways</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 305</b>
Title:	<b>relative to motorist service signs on limited access highways.</b>
Date:	<b>January 28, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill would delete the limitation on the placement of the blue motorist service signs on limited access highways. Under existing law, these signs are prohibited north of Concord, but are allowed south of Concord. This bill would create uniformity throughout the state. This type of signage would be in accordance with federal rules and subject to approval of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation with no cost to the state.

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# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB05

BILL TITLE: ...

DATE: 1/28/21

LOB ROOM: 201

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☒ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. CLOUTIER Seconded by Rep. JACK Vote: 21-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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CONSENT CALENDAR: ☒ YES ☐ NO

Minority Report? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. David Miltz, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Public Works and Highways

Bill #: 305 Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 1/28/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Graham, John A. Chairman	21		
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TOTAL VOTE:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 305

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**Bill Sponsors:**  
Rep. Horrigan

TESTIMONY

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Answer: The state has no profitability, just cost recovery.

**Rep. Ebel** - Wished to have a review of past DOT sign restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. David Milz, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

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DATE: 1/28/21

ROOM: 201

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Abbot, Paulkner, Newman, Eaton, Pedersen, Query, Bunker,  
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SEE ATTACHED

## HB 305

- REP HORGAN PRESENTED BILL AND GAVE PAST HISTORY OF LEGISLATION INVOLVED AND PRESENTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY. NO QUESTIONS
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## House Remote Testify

### Public Works and Highways Committee Testify List for Bill HB305 on 2021-01-28

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Lambert, Bill	william.r.lambert@dot.nh.gov	603.271.1679	State Agency Staff	Department of Transportation	Neutral	Yes	1/25/2021 1:46 PM
Veilleux, Henry	hveilleux@sheehan.com	603.496.1296	A Lobbyist	NH Lodging & Restaurant Association	Support	Yes	1/25/2021 3:03 PM
Horrigan, Timothy	timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	603.969.3823	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes	1/25/2021 4:53 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericsrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	1/27/2021 10:04 PM

HB 305 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0373

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HOUSE BILL        **305**

AN ACT            relative to motorist service signs on limited access highways.

SPONSORS:        Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE:       Public Works and Highways

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12 ~~additional attraction signs may be placed north of Concord on I-93 and I-88].~~

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Public Works and Highways

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# Testimony

**Archived:** Monday, May 10, 2021 10:55:55 AM  
**From:** Timothy Horrigan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:11:43 AM  
**To:** ~House Public Works and Highways  
**Cc:** TimothyHORRIGAN@me.com; timothyhorrigan56@gmail.com; Tim Horrigan; Timothy Horrigan  
**Subject:** Timothy Horrigan's testimony on HB 305  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Attachments:**  
[HB 305 \(2021\) House Public Works.pdf](#) 

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Here is my written testimony for tomorrow's (hopefully) brief hearing on HB 305, "relative to motorist service signs on limited access highways." This bill is the same as HB 1363 which passed the House Transportation Committee & the full House unanimously in February 2020, but was never heard or debated by the Senate.

M testimony is in the body of this email & also attached in PDF form.

Thanks,

Timothy Horrigan

**Testimony in Favor of HB 305**  
**“AN ACT relative to motorist service signs on limited access highways.”**

Rep. Timothy Horrigan; January 28, 2021

House Public Works Committee

HB 305 deals with those large blue signs which appear shortly before limited access highway exits which say things like “ATTRACTIONS — EXIT 32.” The signs belong to the state, and the operators of attractions and motor services pay yearly fees to have their businesses advertised on the signs. Until a few years ago, the DOT operated the roadside signage program in-house. Those fees are currently paid to a private company which administers the program pursuant to a contract which expires in a few years. The signs are not inexpensive, but both motorists and businesses find them very beneficial, and the program costs the state nothing. In fact, the program makes a profit.

Right now, under existing law, there are restrictions on how many signs can be erected “north of Concord on I-89 or I-93” as opposed to “from the Massachusetts border to Concord.” South of Concord, the DOT can put up as many additional motorist services and attractions signs as they please if there is a demand for more signs. North of Concord, additional “Attractions” signs can be erected if needed, but only one set of “Motorist Services” signs is allowed, even if there is demand for more signs.

The distinction between “north” and “south” of Concord has created a certain amount of confusion in my region. The Spaulding Turnpike is a 33-mile -long limited access highway does not go anywhere near either Massachusetts or Concord. I may be mistaken, but my understanding is that the DOT treats all the exits south of Rochester (i.e., Exits 1 through 9) as being south of Concord, and the remainder of the Spaulding up to Milton is considered to be north of Concord. “CONCORD ”appears as a control city on various signs all up and down the Spaulding Turnpike, but all the exits are over 30 miles from Concord.

Just to be a nitpicker, I will also mention that the I-89/I-93 split is in fact in Bow, not Concord. So, a little bit of I-89 is south of Concord. Also, the eastern terminus of I-393 is just barely on the far side of the Concord-Pembroke town line, and is slightly north of the western terminus in Concord. (However, the exits are all in Concord.)

If this bill is passed there will be one set of regulations for these signs statewide, which is simpler and also makes the roadside signage program more profitable for everyone involved.

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Dear Chairman Graham and Members of the Public Works and Highways Committee:

Attached please find the information referred to by Mr. Bill Lambert in his testimony today. It was previously submitted through a different link and I apologize that it was not received.

Also, Mr. Lambert thought the Committee members might also be interested in reviewing the original contract and the revision executed in December, which added the FEET.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

My Best,  
Kathy  
Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson  
Legislative Liaison  
Senior Hearings Examiner, NHDOT  
603-271-1698

Bill as  
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HB 305 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0373

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