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Gallus: Senate budget keeps three North Country rest stops open Colebrook, Shelburne and Littleton areas to be saved

(Concord) Sen. John Gallus, R-Berlin, announced today that three North Country rest stops slated to close July 1st will remain open for at least a year thanks to recent amendments to the state budget passed by the Senate Finance Committee. The locations include: US-Route 1 in Colebrook, US-Route 2 in Shelburne and the I-93 stop in Littleton.

Gallus, a 5-year veteran of Finance, said, "These three areas, along with one other border rest area, were saved out of the eight that were designated to be shut down because it became apparent they serve critical locations for both Granite Staters and the large number of tourists we host year round. All three centers also serve as both rest areas and welcome centers. I am delighted that we found a way to continue to fund them within a very tight budget season."

Money for the North Country centers was transferred from the state's Highway Fund to the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) with the provision that the commissioner of DRED be given the ability to work with local chambers of commerce and other public-private entities to keep the welcome centers open and staffed.

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