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1 AN ACT Relating to motorist information sign panels; amending RCW  
2 47.36.310; and repealing RCW 47.36.325.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.36.310 and 1999 c 201 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The department is authorized to erect and maintain motorist  
7 information sign panels within the right of way of the interstate  
8 highway system to give the traveling public specific information as to  
9 gas, food, lodging, camping, or tourist-oriented business available on  
10 a crossroad at or near an interchange. Motorist information sign  
11 panels shall include the words "GAS," "FOOD," "LODGING," "CAMPING," or  
12 "TOURIST ACTIVITIES" and directional information and may contain one or  
13 more individual business signs maintained on the panel. Motorist  
14 information sign panels are authorized within the corporate limits of  
15 cities and towns and areas zoned for commercial or industrial uses at  
16 locations where there is adequate distance between interchanges to  
17 ensure compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.  
18 The erection and maintenance of motorist information sign panels shall  
19 also conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and rules

1 adopted by the state department of transportation. A motorist service  
2 or tourist-oriented business located within one mile of an interstate  
3 highway shall not be permitted to display its name, brand, or trademark  
4 on a motorist information sign panel unless its owner has first entered  
5 into an agreement with the department limiting the height of its on-  
6 premise signs at the site of its service installation to not more than  
7 fifteen feet higher than the roof of its main building measured to the  
8 bottom of the on-premise sign. The restriction for on-premise signs  
9 does not apply if the sign is not visible from the highway. The  
10 department may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the height restriction  
11 when an on-premise sign is visible from the rural interstate system.  
12 The department shall charge reasonable fees for the display of  
13 individual business signs to defray the costs of their installation and  
14 maintenance, and (~~may~~) shall charge reasonable fees to recover costs  
15 for the erection and maintenance of the motorist information sign  
16 panels.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.36.325 (Motorist information signs--  
18 Private contractors) and 2002 c 321 s 1 are each repealed.

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