
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the interstate highway signage maintenance and reporting program to enhance the visibility of signage, ensure continued maintenance, and provide for real time reporting of damaged signage

Proposed law establishes an interstate signage maintenance and reporting program.

Proposed law requires that the program be designed to:

- (1) Improve visibility and safety for drivers.
- (2) Implement regular cleaning and coating of signs.
- (3) Allow reporting of damaged and missing signs.
- (4) Provide accountability for the maintenance performed.
- (5) Protect infrastructure investments and enable long-term cost-savings for the state.
- (6) Support efficient prioritization of repairs and replacements.
- (7) Promote a positive state image.

Proposed law requires the department to provide operational and oversight requirements for the program, including working with the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to establish safety protocols for sign maintenance work.

Proposed law requires the department to consider the use of environmentally responsible methods and products for sign maintenance.

Proposed law provides for the types of interstate signs that are to be maintained under the program.

Proposed law requires the department to work with the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to promulgate rules for the implementation of the program.

(Adds R.S. 48:270)