

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2233

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 101.15 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2233, as introduced, Brown. Highways: exit information signs.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules and regulations that allow the placement, near exits on freeways in rural areas, of information signs identifying specific roadside businesses.

This bill would require the department to adopt rules and regulations that allow the placement, near exits and off-ramps on freeways located in urban and rural areas, of information signs identifying the closest hospital owned and operated by a county that includes the full name of the hospital, if the county requests the sign or signs and agrees to pay for the cost. The bill would require the department to erect the sign or signs within 30 days of the receipt of payment from the county.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101.15 is added to the Streets and
- 2 Highways Code, to read:
- 3 101.15. (a) The department shall adopt rules and regulations
- 4 that allow the placement, near exits and off-ramps on freeways
- 5 located in urban and rural areas, of information signs identifying

- 1 the closest hospital owned and operated by a county that includes
- 2 the full name of the hospital, if both of the following conditions
- 3 are met:
 - 4 (1) The county requests the placement of the sign.
 - 5 (2) The county agrees to pay for the cost of the sign.
 - 6 (b) The Department of Transportation shall determine the cost
 - 7 of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for
 - 8 the state highway system showing the name of the hospital, and,
 - 9 upon receiving funding or donations from the county from nonstate
 - 10 sources sufficient to cover that cost, shall erect the sign or signs.
 - 11 (c) The department shall erect the sign or signs within 30 days
 - 12 of the receipt of payment from the county.