

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 18, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2559

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

February 19, 2016

An act to ~~amend Section 229.26 of~~ *add Section 229.261 to* the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2559, as amended, Frazier. Tourist-oriented directional ~~signs~~. *signs: visitor centers.*

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to administer a program for the placement of tourist-oriented directional signs for businesses, attractions, or facilities near state highways in nonurbanized areas. Existing law specifies various requirements for placement of these signs, including that the maximum distance from a highway intersection to an attraction or facility may generally not exceed 10 miles, but may not exceed 3 miles in the case of food or lodging facilities.

This bill would require the department to authorize under these provisions tourist-oriented directional signs for any visitor's center seeking a sign if the visitor center is located within 2 miles from the highway intersection and that authorization otherwise meets the requirements of these provisions.

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. Section 229.261 is added to the Streets and*
2 *Highways Code, to read:*

3 229.261. *The department shall authorize under this chapter*
4 *tourist-oriented directional signs for any visitor's center seeking*
5 *a sign if the visitor center is located within two miles from the*
6 *highway intersection and that authorization otherwise meets the*
7 *requirements of this chapter.*

8 ~~SECTION 1. Section 229.26 of the Streets and Highways Code~~
9 ~~is amended to read:~~

10 ~~229.26. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the distance~~
11 ~~from the nearest highway intersection to the nearest facility or~~
12 ~~attraction shall not exceed 10 miles.~~

13 ~~(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the maximum distance~~
14 ~~from the signed intersection to the nearest facility or attraction~~
15 ~~shall not exceed the following:~~

16 ~~(1) One mile for a service station.~~

17 ~~(2) Three miles for a food or lodging facility.~~