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TRANSPORTATION

Majority

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 373, L.D. 498, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Changeable Signs"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11-A by striking out all of the first 8 lines (page 1, lines 6 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'11-A. Changeable signs. Notwithstanding subsection 6, paragraphs C and E, changeable signs are not prohibited as long as the sign complies with all the terms of this subsection. The Department of Transportation shall administer the provisions of this subsection ~~unless the municipality in which the sign is located and the Department of Transportation have agreed in writing that the municipality shall oversee that particular sign.~~

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11-A in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 1, line 50 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "minutes" the following: ' , unless the municipality in which the sign is located adopts an ordinance to the contrary and notifies the Department of Transportation in writing of that ordinance'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11-A in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "blending" the following: ' , unless the municipality in which the sign is located adopts an ordinance to the contrary and notifies the Department of Transportation in writing of that ordinance. Notwithstanding this subparagraph, a municipality may not adopt an ordinance that allows the sign to flash'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11-A by
4 striking out all of paragraph I (page 2, lines 44 to 50 and page
3, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.)

SUMMARY

8 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
10 Committee on Transportation. The amendment removes language from
the bill that would allow a municipality to adopt an ordinance to
12 regulate changeable signs that is more or less stringent than
state standards. The amendment also authorizes a municipality to
14 adopt an ordinance to regulate the changing of messages displayed
on a changeable sign, except that a municipality may not allow
16 flashing.