

General Assembly

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## Committee Bill No. 292

LCO No. **4169** 

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by: (TRA)

## AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND ANY ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER PRIOR TO THE ERECTION OF A PERMANENT SIGN ON A MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 13a-119 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) [Whenever,] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this 4 subsection, whenever, in the opinion of the Commissioner of 5 Transportation the same is necessary, said commissioner shall on any 6 state highway, and may on any town highway, erect and maintain 7 suitable warning and directional signs for the guidance of persons 8 traveling thereon and may erect and maintain traffic control signals, 9 devices, signs and markings on state highways, as approved by the 10 Office of the State Traffic Administration. All of such signs and devices 11 shall conform to the specifications [of the manual of uniform traffic 12 control devices] set forth in the Federal Highway Administration's 13 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 14 as approved and revised by the Office of the State Traffic 15 Administration.

16 (2) Prior to erecting a permanent warning and directional sign or

17 <u>traffic control sign on any town highway, the commissioner shall obtain</u>

18 (A) the approval of the selectmen or legislative body of such town

19 within whose territorial limits the town highway is located, and (B) the

20 consent of the owner of the real property abutting the portion of the

21 town highway where such sign is to be erected.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that set forth the criteria used for the designation of control cities in accordance with the standards established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	13a-119

## Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Transportation to obtain the approval of the municipality and any abutting property owner prior to erecting a permanent sign on a municipal highway.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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