# Bill as Introduced

SB 173 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL ***173***

AN ACT relative to certain historical and recreational facilities.

SPONSORS: Sen. Johnson, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill makes recreational and cultural interest signs available to alpine and Nordic ski areas that are recognized by the state as bona fide ski areas.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

# Speakers

1:15

# SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB 173 Date April 8, 2003

Committee Public Works & Highways

**** Please Print All Information ****

| Name | Address | Phone | Representing | (check one) Pro | Con |
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# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 173

**BILL TITLE:** relative to certain historical and recreational facilities.

**DATE:** April 8, 2003

**LOB ROOM:** 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:25

**Time Adjourned:** 2:05

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. E. Smith, Leber, Gleason, Moore, Graham, Holland, Rausch, Tahir, Keans, Giuliet, Kenison, McConkey, O'Brien, Waterhouse, Cloutier, C. Bouchard, Benn, Norelli, Malloy and Vallone.

**Bill Sponsors:** Sen. Johnson

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Prime sponsor, Sen. Johnson**. He supports this legislation which would allow recreational signs for alpine and Nordic ski areas to be recognized as bona fide ski areas and be eligible for federally designated "Brown" signs.

*** Bruce Berke from ski NH and Kris Blomback from Pats Peak and ski NH**, both spoke together in support of this bill. They supplied **written documentation**.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James B. Rausch, Clerk

# Testimony

Ski NH

File copy



# CHAPTER 2H. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST AREA SIGNS

## Section 2H.01 Scope

Support:

Recreational or cultural interest areas are attractions or traffic generators that are open to the general public for the purpose of play, amusement, or relaxation. Recreational attractions include such facilities as parks, campgrounds, gaming facilities, and ski areas, while examples of cultural attractions include museums, art galleries, and historical buildings or sites.

The purpose of recreation and cultural interest area signs is to guide road users to a general area and then to specific facilities or activities within the area.

Option:

Recreational and cultural interest area signs that depict significant traffic generators may be used on expressway and freeways where there is direct access to these areas as discussed in Section 2H.09.

Recreational and cultural interest area signs may be used off the road network, as appropriate.

## Section 2H.02 Application of Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Signs

Support:

Standards for signing recreational or cultural interest areas are subdivided into two different types of signs: (1) symbol signs and (2) destination guide signs.

Guidance:

When highway agencies decide to provide recreational and cultural interest area signing, these agencies should have a policy for such signing. The policy should establish signing criteria for the eligibility of the various types of services, accommodations, and facilities. These signs should not be used where they might be confused with other traffic control signs.

Option:

Recreational and cultural interest area signs may be used on any road to direct persons to facilities, structures, and places, and to identify various services available to the general public. These signs may also be used in recreational or cultural interest areas for signing nonvehicular events and amenities such as trails, structures, and facilities.

## Section 2H.09 Destination Guide Signs

Guidance:

When recreational or cultural interest area destinations are shown on supplemental guide signs, the sign should be rectangular or trapezoidal in shape. The order of preference for use of shapes and colors should be as follows: (1) rectangular with a white legend and border on a green background; (2) rectangular with a white legend and border on a brown background; or (3) trapezoidal with a white legend and border on a brown background.

**Standard:**

**Whenever the trapezoidal shape is used, the color combination shall be a white legend and border on a brown background.**

Option:

White-on-brown destination guide signs may be posted at the first point where an access or crossroad intersects a highway where recreational or cultural interest areas are a significant destination along conventional roads, expressways, or freeways. White-on-brown supplemental guide signs may be used along conventional roads, expressways, or freeways to direct road users to recreational or cultural interest areas. Where access or crossroads lead exclusively to the recreational or cultural interest area, the advance guide sign and the exit direction sign may be white-on-brown.

**Standard:**

**Linear parkway-type highways that merely function as arterial connectors without providing access to recreational or cultural interest areas shall not qualify for the use of white-on-brown destination guide signs. Directional guide signs used on these highways shall conform to Chapter 2D.**

**All gore signs shall have a white legend and border on a green background. The background color of the interchange exit number panel shall match the background color of the guide sign. Design characteristics of conventional road, expressway, or freeway guide signs shall conform to Chapter 2D or 2E except as specified in this Section for color combination.**

**The advance guide sign and the Exit Direction sign shall retain the white-on-green color combination where the crossroad leads to a destination other than a recreational or cultural interest area.**

Support:

Figure 2H-2 illustrates destination guide signs commonly used for identifying recreational or cultural interest areas or facilities.

*Figure 2H-2. Typical General Directional Guide Signs for Conventional Roads*



# Voting Sheets

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**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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**Motions:** (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Lebeer

Seconded by Rep. Graham

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:** CC - yes

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

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| Smith, Edwin O, Chairman | ✓ | |
| Leber, William E, V Chairman | ✓ | |
| Gleason, John P | ✓ | |
| Moore, Benjamin E absent | | |
| Graham, John A | ✓ | |
| Holland, James E | ✓ | |
| Rausch, James B, Clerk | ✓ | |
| Tahir, Saghir A | ✓ | |
| Keans, Sandra B | ✓ | |
| Gionet, Edmond D | ✓ | |
| Kenison, Leon S absent | | |
| McConkey, Mark E absent | | |
| O'Brien, Lori J absent | | |
| Waterhouse, Kevin K | ✓ | |
| Cloutier, John R | ✓ | |
| Bouchard, Candace C W | ✓ | |
| Benn, Bernard L absent | | |
| Norelli, Terie absent | | |
| Malloy, Chris S absent | | |
| Vallone, Matthew J | ✓ | |
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TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 1/21/2003

# Committee Report

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Rep. William E. Leber
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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