

Title 29, Section 152(a)(30)

Sec. 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

(a)(30) Provide services to the traveling public, lease space, sell products, and conduct any other activities within limits set forth in the federal Surface Transportation Act and Randolph-Sheppard Act and rules promulgated thereunder, to administer the information and welcome centers; and use funds generated in the centers to supplement funds for maintaining and operating the centers.

Act 38 of the Acts of 1997
Transportation Bill

Sec. 19e. INTERSTATE 89 INFORMATION CENTERS; REST AREAS AND WELCOME CENTERS

(a) For fiscal year 1998, the commissioner of the department of buildings and general services is directed to:

(1) commence to take the necessary steps to pipe the sewage from the Georgia and Fairfax rest areas to the sewage treatment facility in St. Albans; and

(2) prior to reopening the Georgia rest area, have an agreement with the local chamber of commerce to help staff the Georgia and Fairfax facilities. The commissioner shall report to the chairs of the Senate and House committees on transportation by January 15, 1998, on this project.

(b) The commissioner of the department of buildings and general services is authorized to enter into agreements with local information service providers which would allow those providers to offer local and regional tourist information under guidelines established by the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner of the department of buildings and general services is authorized to enter into agreements with, and grant funds to, local or regional chambers of commerce, or both, to provide staffing and operations of state-owned welcome centers, rest areas and information centers under guidelines established and enforced by the commissioner.

Act 18 of 1999
* * * Rest Areas * * *

Sec. 39. REST AREAS

Notwithstanding Sec. 7c(e) of No. 60 of the Acts of 1995 or any other provision of law, the agency of transportation, in cooperation with the departments of tourism and marketing, buildings and general services, and environmental conservation, shall implement the following program:

(1) Investigate the continuing operation of the Sharon southbound facility as an Interstate safety and convenience area, renovate the existing building and correct ADA and sewage disposal problems.

(2) Site design of a possible Vermont welcome center in Bennington at the systems interchange of Routes U.S. 7 and VT Route 9. Construction of the infrastructure of this facility shall be coordinated with the construction of the interchange by the agency of transportation under project BENNINGTON NH-F 019-1(5). Design of this facility shall be in consultation with the Bennington Regional Planning Commission and the Bennington Bypass Citizens Advisory Group.

(3) The department of buildings and general services is authorized to operate rest areas, information and welcome centers as state or private facilities.

Act 50 of 2009

*** Rest Area Revitalization ***

Sec. 109. PILOT PROJECT FOR OPERATION OF INFORMATION CENTERS

(a) Pursuant to Sec. 19e(c) of No. 38 of the Acts of 1997, the commissioner of buildings and general services (BGS) is authorized to commence a three-year pilot project to operate facilities at Alburgh, Georgia North, and Georgia South.

(b) Pursuant to Sec. 39(3) of No. 18 of the Acts of 1999, the commissioner is authorized to explore the possibility of creating privately operated travel information centers at exits along the interstate and along the state highway system. The secretary of transportation is instructed to support this initiative by working with BGS and the FHWA to explore a signage strategy that clearly directs travelers to these service opportunities.

Act 123 of 2010

*** Traveler Information Services ***

Sec. 51. INTERSTATE 91 TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICES FACILITY

(a) Pursuant to Sec. 109(b) of No. 50 of the Acts of 2009, the commissioner of buildings and general services (BGS) is authorized to negotiate and contract with businesses interested in providing travel information services near Exit 7 of Interstate 91 for the purpose of establishing a privately operated travel information center near this exit.

(b) The agency of transportation shall work with BGS and the Federal Highway Administration to implement a signage strategy to clearly direct travelers to businesses providing travel information services at any travel information center established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.