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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for directional signs for historic sites listed
2 on the national register of historic places.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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TRANSPORTATION

1 Section 1. Section 321.252, unnumbered paragraph 4, Code
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 The department shall establish, by rule, in cooperation
4 with a tourist signing committee, the standards for tourist-
5 oriented directional signs and shall annually review the list
6 of attractions for which signing is in place. The rules shall
7 conform to national standards for tourist-oriented directional
8 signs adopted under 23 U.S.C. § 131(q) and to the manual of
9 uniform traffic control devices. The tourist signing
10 committee shall be made up of the directors or their designees
11 of the departments of economic development, agriculture and
12 land stewardship, natural resources, cultural affairs, and
13 transportation, the chairperson or the chairperson's designee
14 of the Iowa travel council, and a member of the outdoor
15 advertising association of Iowa. The director or the
16 director's designee of the department of economic development
17 shall be the chairperson of the committee. The department of
18 transportation shall be responsible for calling and setting
19 the date of the meetings of the committee which meetings shall
20 be based upon the amount of activity relating to signs.
21 However, the committee shall meet at least once a month.
22 However, a tourist attraction is not subject to a minimum
23 number of visitors annually to qualify for tourist-oriented
24 directional signing. The rules shall not be applicable to
25 directional signs relating to historic sites on land owned or
26 managed by state agencies or historic sites listed on the
27 national register of historic places, as provided in section
28 321.253A. The rules shall include but are not limited to the
29 following:

30 Sec. 2. Section 321.253A, Code 1999, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 321.253A DIRECTIONAL SIGNS RELATING-TO FOR CERTAIN
33 HISTORIC SITES ON-LAND-OWNED-OR-MANAGED-BY-STATE-AGENCIES.

34 1. The department shall place and maintain directional
35 signs upon primary highways which provide information about

1 historic sites which are located on land owned or managed by
2 an agency as defined in section 17A.2 or historic sites which
3 are listed on the national register of historic places upon
4 request of an entity in control of the historic site. The
5 costs of a sign requested by an entity in control of a
6 historic site listed on the national register of historic
7 places, including costs of erecting and maintaining the sign,
8 shall be paid by the entity requesting the sign. The signs
9 shall conform to the manual of uniform traffic devices.

10 However, the directional signs are not subject to requirements
11 applicable to tourist-oriented directional signs.

12 2. Upon request by a city or county in which a historic
13 site is located on land owned or managed by an agency, the
14 department shall distribute a directional sign as provided in
15 this section to the city or county for erection upon roads or
16 streets within their jurisdictions. A city, county, or other
17 local authority may request the department to distribute a
18 directional sign as provided in this section on behalf of an
19 entity in control of a historic site listed on the national
20 register of historic places for erection upon roads or streets
21 within their jurisdictions. The costs of a sign so requested
22 by a local authority on behalf of an entity shall be paid by
23 the local authority requesting the sign or the entity in
24 control of the historic site.

25 3. The location of the historic site shall be memorialized
26 on transportation maps of the state published under the
27 direction of the department and generally made available to
28 the public. However, if it is not reasonable and feasible to
29 display specific historic sites on the state transportation
30 map, the department shall consult with the agency or entity
31 managing the historic site.

32 4. The department shall not erect, maintain, or distribute
33 a directional sign or include on a transportation map
34 information about a historic site located on land owned or
35 managed by an agency or entity if the department receives an

1 objection by the agency or entity.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill amends Code section 321.253A to require the state
 4 department of transportation to place and maintain directional
 5 signs upon primary highways which provide information about
 6 historic sites which are listed on the national register of
 7 historic places upon request of an entity in control of the
 8 historic site. The costs of a sign requested by an entity in
 9 control of a historic site listed on the national register of
 10 historic places, including costs of erecting and maintaining
 11 the sign, shall be paid by the entity requesting the sign.
 12 The signs shall conform to the department's manual of uniform
 13 traffic-control devices and are not subject to requirements
 14 applicable to tourist-oriented directional signs.

15 Code section 321.253A currently requires the department to
 16 place such signs for historic sites which are located on land
 17 owned or managed by certain state agencies.

18 The bill also provides that a city, county, or other local
 19 authority may request the department to distribute a
 20 directional sign as provided in this section on behalf of an
 21 entity in control of a historic site listed on the national
 22 register of historic places for erection upon roads or streets
 23 within their jurisdictions. The costs of a sign so requested
 24 by a local authority on behalf of an entity shall be paid by
 25 the local authority requesting the sign or the entity in
 26 control of the historic site.

27 Code section 321.253A currently provides that upon request
 28 of a city or county in which a historic site is located on
 29 land owned or managed by an agency, the department shall
 30 distribute a directional sign to the city or county for
 31 erection upon roads or streets within their jurisdictions.

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