

Regulation of the  
**Department of Transportation**

Concerning  
**Specific Information Signs and Business Signs  
on Limited Access Highways**

Regulations adopted after July 1, 2013, become effective upon posting to the website of the Secretary of the State, or at a later date specified within the regulation.

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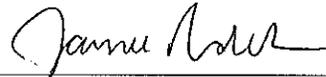
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## Electronic Copy Certification Statement

I, **James Redeker**, Commissioner of the **Department of Transportation**, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-172 of the *General Statutes of the State of Connecticut*, do hereby certify:

That the electronic copy of a regulation concerning **Specific Information Signs and Business Signs on Limited Access Highways**, which was approved by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee on **July 23, 2013**, and which shall be submitted electronically for filing to the Secretary of the State by **Pamela Sucato** of this agency on **July 31, 2013**, is a true and accurate copy of the original regulation approved in accordance with Sections 4-169 and 4-170 of the *General Statutes of the State of Connecticut*.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on **July 31, 2013**.



(Signature of agency head)

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State of Connecticut  
**REGULATION**  
of

Department of Transportation

Concerning

**Specific Information Signs and Business Signs on Limited Access Highways**

**Section 1:** Sections 13a-124a-2 through 13a-124a-4, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 13a-124a-2. Interchange Signing Criteria**

Signs shall be installed in accordance with the MUTCD [ , the Federal-Aid Highway Program Manual Volume 6, Chapter 8, Section 3, Subsection 8] and such State and Federal regulations and standards as may apply to other highway signs, except as further defined in this section.

(a) Specific [Information Signs] information signs may be installed based on the following:

(1) Limited access highways except parkways.

(2) Where the distance between the interchange considered and the adjacent upstream interchange is not less than 7,000', as measured from the end of the upstream acceleration lane to the beginning of the downstream deceleration lane; where camping exists the distance shall not be less than 7,800'.

(3) Where the upstream interchange is a half-interchange consisting of only an on-ramp in the direction being considered, the distance between the interchange considered and upstream interchange preceding the half interchange shall not be less than 9,000'; where camping exists the distance shall not be less than 9,800'.

(4) Where an interchange is at unlimited access highways.

(5) At interchanges where the motorist can conveniently reenter the expressway and continue in the same direction of travel.

(6) At interchanges where, in the opinion of the Department of Transportation, specific information signing will not have a detrimental effect on traffic operations.

(b) The number of specific information signs shall be limited to one for each type of service along an approach to an interchange. The number of business signs permitted on a specific information shall be six.

(c) A separate specific information sign shall be provided for each type of service for which business signs are displayed and shall be installed in successive order beginning with CAMPING, LODGING, FOOD and GAS in the direction of traffic. Specific information signs and business signs shall be installed on ramps where the business is not visible from the ramp termini. Businesses visible from the ramp terminus [will] shall not appear on ramp signs. Also, where a turn is required off of the roadway that intersects the ramp, business signs shall be installed at the crossroad to indicate the required turn. Only one turn [will] shall be allowed; businesses requiring more than one turn [will] shall not be eligible for the program. Excepted therefrom [will] shall be businesses requiring more than one turn but which are located adjacent to and/or clearly visible from the roadway intersecting the ramp or road onto which one turn, has been made. The business shall be responsible for obtaining permission from the individual, group, or government having jurisdiction over the sign location to be used for the signs prior to sign installation. A business, if approved, shall qualify for signing on only one route.

(d) If the interchange closest to the business is signable in only one direction and the business qualifies at a second interchange which allows signing in the opposite direction on the same highway, the business may request signing at two interchanges. A business [can] may have only one sign per direction of travel.

(e) Once a specific information sign has been installed at a given approach, reference to that service [will] shall be removed from any existing service signs for that approach.

(f) Food establishments may display on specific information signs a supplemental message such as "Open 24 Hours", "Drive Thru" or "Closed Sunday" on the logo.

### **Sec. 13a-124a-3. Minimum Criteria for Services**

The minimum criteria by which gas, food, lodging and camping establishments may qualify for participation in specific information signing for travel services within highway right-of-way is as follows:

(a) **All**

Shall give written assurance of conformity with all applicable laws concerning the provision of public services without regard to race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, sex, [mental retardation] intellectual or physical disability including but not limited to blindness, and shall not be in breach of that assurance.

(b) **Gas**

(1) Shall be located not more than [1/2] 1 mile from the ramp terminus;

(2) Shall provide a public rest [rooms] room, [each containing] including a sink, running water and a flush toilet;

(3) Shall be in continuous operation at least 16 consecutive hours, 7 days [a] per week, year-round; and

(4) [Shall provide public telephones.] Shall provide a phone for public use.

(c) **Food**

(1) Shall be located not more than [1-1/2] 2 miles from the ramp terminus;

(2) Shall display a valid permit from the appropriate public agency, as required by law;

(3) Shall be in [continuous] operation for at least [12 consecutive] 8 hours daily, [, beginning no later than 7:00 a.m., 7 days per week, year-round.] The business shall serve in an indoor setting [three meals per day including breakfast, lunch and supper; and ] a minimum of two meals per day at least 6 days per week, year-round;

(4) [Shall provide public telephone.] Shall provide a phone for public use; and

(5) Shall provide a public rest room, including a sink, running water and a flush toilet.

(d) **Lodging**

(1) Shall be located not more than 3 miles from the ramp terminus;

(2) Shall possess a valid permit from the appropriate public agency, as required by law;

(3) Shall have adequate sleeping accommodations for rent consisting of a minimum of 10 units, each including bathroom and sleeping room;

(4) Shall provide free off-street passenger vehicle parking space for each lodging unit for rent;

(5) Shall be in continuous 24-hour operation, 7 days per week, year-round; and

(6) [Shall provide public telephone.] Shall provide a phone for public use.

(e) **Camping**

(1) Shall be located not more than 10 miles from the ramp terminus via a paved road;

(2) Shall possess a valid license from the appropriate public agency, as required by law;

(3) Shall have adequate parking and camping accommodations for at least 30 vehicles;

(4) Shall have modern sanitary facilities and drinking water; and

(5) Shall be in continuous 24-hour operation, 7 days per week, except that overnight camping facilities may be closed to the public for not more than 180 consecutive days between November 1 and the following May 1.

#### Sec. 13a-124a-4. Application process

All businesses interested in participating in the Connecticut Specific Information Signing Program may do so by following these steps:

(a) Upon request, the Department of Transportation [will] shall send interested parties an application package that includes an application, application instructions, program regulations and, a list of interchanges that qualify for this program.

(b) All businesses requesting participation in the State's specific information signing program shall submit an application form, provided by the Department of Transportation, containing the necessary information with the application fee in the form of a certified check or money order in the amount of [~~\$1500.00~~] \$2,000.00 per interchange. The application fee will cover the cost of processing, field investigation, and permits. In the event the request is not approved, the application fee shall not be refunded.

(c) Upon approval of the application, the applicant shall receive an approval package. All approved applicants are required to submit a completed permit application to the Commissioner along with a [D.O.T. furnished] Certificate of Insurance [(Form No. CON-32)] (Standard Industry Accord Form) furnished by the Department of Transportation, indicating the correct protective liability insurance coverage by the permittee. In addition to the [Form No. Con. 32] Standard Industry Accord Form, the initial approved business of a signing installation [will] shall also be required to execute an Information Sign Maintenance Concurrence and furnish a performance bond (minimum [~~\$5,000.00~~] \$10,000.00) to run for the life of the Concurrence.

(d) The first six applicants for gas, food, lodging and camping that meet the minimum criteria existing at the time of the initial application [will] shall be given the opportunity to participate in the program. The Department [will] shall allow a participating business to display its business signs for a period of not less than one year from the date of the initial installation of those signs, provided that business continues to operate under the terms of the Concurrence and in compliance with the minimum criteria. Excepted therefrom is the initial business who [will] shall be allowed to display its business signs for a period of not less than two years from the date of the initial installation of those signs. However, once the maximum number of similar type businesses are participating in the specific information program at a particular interchange and a similar type business, closer in distance, qualifies and desires to participate in this program, the farthest participating business [will] shall be removed from the program only after that business sign has been displayed for not less than one year from the date of initial installation or two years in the case of the initial business.

#### Statement of Purpose:

To implement a series of changes in policies and practices that updates and allows more latitude in signing for general motorist services and tourist information facilities.

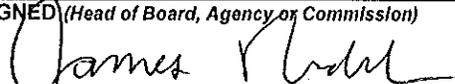
In 2012, ConnDOT created an internal departmental taskforce to review standards, regulations and policies for highway signing along Connecticut roads and highways. The group comprised diverse disciplines including engineering, maintenance, legal, legislative, rights-of-way and the Federal Highway Administration with input from the Connecticut Department of Community and Economic Development's Office of Culture and Tourism. Changes were recommended that are more flexible and more responsive to businesses while remaining consistent with federal guidelines. The changes increase the distances from the ramp termini and relax some of the minimum required hours of commercial operation which will result in more businesses being eligible for motorist service signs. The proposed regulations will enable more businesses to qualify for specific Gas, Food, Lodging and Camping Logo signs along Connecticut's highways. There is a modest application fee increase for businesses wishing to be included in the expanded signing program.

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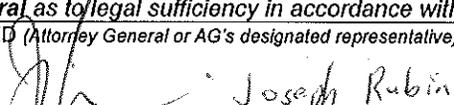
### CERTIFICATION

*This certification statement must be completed in full, including items 3 and 4, if they are applicable.*

- 1) I hereby certify that the above (check one)  Regulations  Emergency Regulations
- 2) are (check all that apply)  adopted  amended  repealed by this agency pursuant to the following authority(ies): (complete all that apply)
  - a. Connecticut General Statutes section(s) 13a-124a.
  - b. Public Act Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Provide public act number(s) if the act has not yet been codified in the Connecticut General Statutes.)
- 3) And I further certify that notice of intent to adopt, amend or repeal said regulations was published in the **Connecticut Law Journal** on March 26, 2013;  
(Insert date of notice publication if publication was required by CGS Section 4-168.)
- 4) And that a public hearing regarding the proposed regulations was held on \_\_\_\_\_;  
(Insert date(s) of public hearing(s) held pursuant to CGS Section 4-168(a)(7), if any, or pursuant to other applicable statute.)
- 5) And that said regulations are EFFECTIVE (check one, and complete as applicable)
  - When filed with the Secretary of the State
  - OR  on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE May 2, 2013	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission) 	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED Commissioner
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**APPROVED by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with CGS Section 4-169, as amended**

DATE 5/13/13	SIGNED (Attorney General or AG's designated representative)  Joseph Rubin	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED AGSUC. ATTY. GENERAL
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*Proposed regulations are DEEMED APPROVED by the Attorney General in accordance with CGS Section 4-169, as amended, if the attorney General fails to give notice to the agency of any legal insufficiency within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the proposed regulation.*

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- Approved  Rejected without prejudice
- Approved with technical corrections  Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)
- Deemed approved pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(c)

By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with CGS Section 4-170, as amended	DATE July 23, 2013	SIGNED (Administrator, Legislative Regulation Review Committee) 
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**Two certified copies received and filed and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with CGS Section 4-172, as amended.**

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY
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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. All regulations proposed for adoption, amendment or repeal, *except* emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his/her determination of legal sufficiency. (See CGS Section 4-169.)
2. After approval by the Attorney General, the original and one electronic copy (in Word format) of all regulations proposed for adoption, amendment or repeal must be presented to the Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its action. (See CGS Sections 4-168 and 4-170 as amended by Public Act 11-150, Sections 18 and 19.)
3. Each proposed regulation section must include the appropriate regulation section number and a section heading. (See CGS Section 4-172.)
4. New language added to an existing regulation must be in underlining or CAPITAL LETTERS, as determined by the Regulation Review Committee. (See CGS 4-170(b).)
5. Existing language to be deleted must be enclosed in brackets [ ]. (See CGS 4-170(b).)
6. A completely new regulation or a new section of an existing regulation must be preceded by the word "(NEW)" in capital letters. (See CGS Section 4-170(b).)
7. The proposed regulation must have a statement of its purpose following the final section of the regulation. (See CGS Section 4-170(b).)
8. The Certification Statement portion of the form must be completed, including all applicable information regarding *Connecticut Law Journal* notice publication date(s) and public hearing(s). (See more specific instructions below.)
9. Additional information regarding rules and procedures of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee can be found on the Committee's web site: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/rr/>.
10. A copy of the Legislative Commissioners' Regulations Drafting Manual is located on the LCO website at [http://www.cga.ct.gov/lco/pdfs/Regulations\\_Drafting\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.cga.ct.gov/lco/pdfs/Regulations_Drafting_Manual.pdf).

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

*(Numbers below correspond to the numbered sections of the statement)*

1. Indicate whether the regulation is a regular or an emergency regulation adopted under the provisions of CGS Section 4-168(f).
2.
  - a) Indicate whether the regulations contains newly adopted sections, amendments to existing sections, and/or repeals existing sections. Check all cases that apply.
  - b) Indicate the specific legal authority that authorizes or requires adoption, amendment or repeal of the regulation. If the relevant public act has been codified in the most current biennial edition of the *Connecticut General Statutes*, indicate the relevant statute number(s) instead of the public act number. If the public act has not yet been codified, indicate the relevant public act number.
3. Except for emergency regulations adopted under CGS 4-168(f), and technical amendments to an existing regulation adopted under CGS 4-168(g), an agency must publish notice of its intent to adopt a regulation in the *Connecticut Law Journal*. Enter the date of notice publication.
4. CGS Section 4-168(a)(7) prescribes requirements for the holding of an agency public hearing regarding proposed regulations. Enter the date(s) of the hearing(s) held under that section, if any; also enter the date(s) of any hearing(s) the agency was required to hold under the provisions of any other law.
5. As applicable, enter the effective date of the regulation here, or indicate that it is effective upon filing with the Secretary of the State. Please note the information below.

Regulations are effective upon filing with the Secretary of the State or at a later specified date. See CGS Section 4-172(b) which provides that each regulation is effective upon filing, or, if a later date is required by statute or specified in the regulation, the later date is the effective date. An effective date may not precede the effective date of the public act requiring or permitting the regulation. Emergency regulations are effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of the State, or at a stated date less than twenty days thereafter.