

Senate Bill 87

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the state highway system, so as to direct the Department of
3 Transportation to seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration to incorporate the
4 use of "RV friendly" markers on specific service signs for business establishments that cater
5 to the needs of persons driving recreational vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to the state highway system, is amended by adding a new Code section as follows:
11 "32-6-87.1.

12 (a) Subject to the prior approval of the Federal Highway Administration, the department
13 is directed to incorporate the use of 'RV friendly' markers on specific service signs for
14 business establishments that cater to the needs of persons driving recreational vehicles. A
15 business establishment that qualifies for participation in the specific service sign program
16 and that also qualifies as 'RV friendly' may request that an 'RV friendly' marker be
17 displayed immediately adjacent to such establishment's business logo sign on the
18 appropriate background sign panel. For purposes of this Code section, the 'RV friendly'
19 marker to be displayed shall be such marker as may be approved by the Federal Highway
20 Administration in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

21 (b) In accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedures
22 Act,' and subject to the approval of the Federal Highway Administration, the department
23 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions
24 of this Code section, including the promulgation of rules and regulations setting forth the
25 minimum requirements that business establishments must meet in order to qualify as 'RV
26 friendly.' Such requirements shall include, but shall not be limited to, the availability at

1 each qualifying business establishment of parking spaces, entrances and exits in sufficient
2 number and of sufficient size and dimensions to easily accommodate recreational vehicles,
3 and the presence of appropriate overhang clearances at all facilities, if applicable.

4 (c) For the purposes of assisting the Federal Highway Administration in considering the
5 approval of an 'RV friendly' marker for incorporation into the Manual on Uniform Traffic
6 Control Devices, the department is directed to submit a request to the Federal Highway
7 Administration for permission to experiment with the use of an 'RV friendly' marker on
8 specific service signs in accordance with this Code section."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.