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S. 1121

To amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the control of outdoor advertising in areas adjacent to the Interstate System, the National Highway System, and certain other federally assisted highways, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONTROL OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING.**

4 Section 131 of title 23, United States Code, is
5 amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (d), by
2 striking “, or in unzoned” and all that follows
3 through “Secretary”;

4 (2) by redesignating subsection (t) as sub-
5 section (v); and

6 (3) by inserting after subsection (s) the follow-
7 ing:

8 “(t) STATE INVENTORY OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING
9 SIGNS, DISPLAYS, AND DEVICES.—

10 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—For the purpose of sub-
11 section (b), a State shall not be considered to have
12 made provision for effective control of the erection
13 and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs, dis-
14 plays, and devices unless the State maintains, and
15 annually submits to the Secretary, an inventory of
16 all outdoor advertising signs, displays, and devices in
17 the State for which the effective control is required
18 under this section, including a specification of
19 whether each sign, display, or device is illegal, non-
20 conforming, or conforming under State law.

21 “(2) STATE SCENIC BYWAYS.—The State inven-
22 tory required by paragraph (1) shall identify each
23 sign, display, or device described in paragraph (1)
24 that is located along a highway on the Interstate
25 System or Federal-aid primary system designated as

1 a scenic byway under a program of the State de-
2 scribed in subsection (s).

3 “(u) LIMITATION ON VEGETATION REMOVAL.—For
4 the purpose of subsection (b), a State shall not be consid-
5 ered to have made provision for effective control of the
6 erection and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs,
7 displays, and devices if the State carries out or permits
8 the removal of vegetation in, or other alteration of, a right-
9 of-way referred to in subsection (b) for the purpose of im-
10 proving the visibility of any outdoor advertising sign, dis-
11 play, or device located outside the right-of-way.”.

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