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Sec. 13a-97b-1. Statement of purpose

The purpose of sections 13a-97b-1 to 13a-97b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, is to establish an "Adopt A Highway Program" which will permit business organizations and nonprofit community organizations to participate in litter control and beautification activities on all state highways and to receive recognition for their participation in such activities.

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Sec. 13a-97b-2. Definitions

As used in Sections 13a-97b-1 through 13a-97b-7, the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation for the State of Connecticut.

(2) "CONNDOT" means the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut.

(3) "District" means any one of the four operational districts into which CONNDOT has divided the State of Connecticut in order to facilitate the maintenance of the state highway system.

(4) "Encroachment Permit" means the authorization document issued by CONNDOT which allows a person or organization to use a highway right of way for a purpose other than travel.

(5) "Highway" means a "state highway" as defined in Section 13a-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(6) "Program" means the Adopt A Highway Program.

(7) "Transportation Maintenance Director" means the person authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation to approve or disapprove an application to participate in the Adopt A Highway Program, to issue an encroachment permit in connection with the program, and to otherwise administer all program activities within the district.

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Sec. 13a-97b-3. Application

(a) Any business organization or nonprofit community organization that wishes to participate in the Adopt A Highway Program shall submit an application to the Transportation Maintenance Director in the district wherein the highway or section of highway which the organization wishes to adopt is located. The application shall be made on a form provided by CONNDOT and made available at the district administrative office.

(b) The Transportation Maintenance Director shall review the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified to participate in the program and, if so, whether the particular section of highway that the applicant wishes to adopt is suitable for inclusion in the program taking into consideration the highway's location, traffic volumes, geometrical characteristics, and other factors relevant to public health, safety and welfare.

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Sec. 13a-97b-4. Program activities

(a) The Transportation Maintenance Director, acting as the authorized agent of the commissioner, shall administer all program activities occurring within the district. The Transportation Maintenance Director shall make available to a participating

organization the program guidelines. These guidelines shall be considered an attachment to any encroachment permit issued to the organization.

(b) In order to gain access to and engage in litter control and beautification activities within a highway right of way, each participating organization shall obtain an encroachment permit from the Transportation Maintenance Director. The application for such permit shall be made on a form provided by CONNDOT and made available at each district administrative office. Issuance of the encroachment permit shall be governed by the procedures set forth in Sections 13b-17-1 through 13b-17-46 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The conditions set forth in Sections 13b-17-1 through 13b-17-46 shall govern and be adhered to by all participants in the program.

(c) A program concurrence shall be made available to the participating organization prior to the issuance of the encroachment permit. The program concurrence shall list the specific responsibilities of the organization and CONNDOT regarding the adopted section of highway, and shall be signed by every participating member of the organization prior to issuance of the encroachment permit. The program concurrence shall then become an attachment to the encroachment permit.

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Sec. 13a-97b-5. Recognition

Recognition for each participating organization's efforts in furtherance of highway litter control and beautification shall be provided by CONNDOT in the form of a nameplate affixed to a semi-permanent sign which shall designate a section of highway as having been adopted by the organization. The sign shall be erected after the organization has engaged in litter control and beautification activities on a minimum of two occasions and has received a satisfactory performance evaluation from the Transportation Maintenance Director.

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Sec. 13a-97b-6. Revocation of approval

The Transportation Maintenance Director may revoke an organization's approval to participate in the program when, in the opinion of the Director, the organization has violated a condition in the encroachment permit, the program guidelines or the program concurrence, or has otherwise engaged in conduct detrimental to the program.

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Sec. 13a-97b-7. Administrative appeal

Any organization whose application to participate in the Adopt A Highway Program has been disapproved by the Transportation Maintenance Director, or whose approval to participate in the program has been revoked in accordance with Section 13a-97b-6, may appeal such decision to the Commissioner.

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