
DIGEST

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HB 882 Engrossed

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Abstract: Increases spacing requirements for outdoor advertising signs. Authorizes rebuilding, enhancing, or re-permitting of certain damaged signs.

Present law (R.S. 48:461.4(A)(3)(b)(i)) prohibits two sign structures facing the same direction subject to regulations under present law from being spaced less than 150 ft. apart unless separated by a building, structure, or roadway. Further prohibits an outdoor advertising sign from being permitted within 1000 ft. of any other permitted outdoor advertising sign on the same side of an interstate highway, except for official and "on premise" signs as defined in federal law.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the minimum spacing between two outdoor signs from 150 ft. to 1,000 ft. Requires the spacing requirement apply to any interstate highway, freeway, or non-freeway on the Federal Aid Primary System and National Highway System, excluding official and "on-premise" signs as provided in federal law.

Proposed law requires that any damaged outdoor advertising sign lawfully permitted on or after Jan. 1, 2010, by an act of God, be considered a legal nonconforming sign and may be rebuilt, enhanced, or re-permitted.

Present law (R.S. 48:461.4(B)) authorizes the Dept. of Transportation and Development to modify, vary, or supplement restrictions in present law if necessary to comply with the standards approved by the U.S. Congress and to ensure that the dept. will receive the maximum amount of federal-aid funds as provided in the Federal Hwy. Beautification Act of 1965.

Proposed law changes present law from "insure" to "ensure".

(Amends R.S. 48:461.4(A)(3)(b) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove "to prohibit signs made of wooden materials" and "to provide for the erection, maintenance, and construction of such signs" from the title.

3. Add "to authorize the rebuild, enhancement, or re-permitting of certain outdoor advertising signs damaged or destroyed by an act of God".
4. Requires that any damaged outdoor advertising sign lawfully permitted on or after January 1, 2010, by an act of God, be considered a legal nonconforming sign and may be rebuilt, enhanced, or re-permitted.