
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases spacing requirements for outdoor advertising signs. Prohibits the erection of outdoor advertising signs constructed of wood, requiring such signs to be constructed of steel or other metal materials.

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.

Present law (R.S. 48:461.4((A)(5)) prohibits certain signs, including signs that are not consistent with the standards of present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds another prohibition against signs constructed of wood, in whole or in part, including their structural or supporting components. Provides that any sign lawfully erected prior to the effective date of proposed law may be continued and maintained but requires that it be brought into compliance upon replacement, substantial repair, or relocation.

Proposed law prohibits any outdoor advertising from be erected, constructed, or maintained unless the sign face, supporting structure, and all structural components are constructed of steel or other metal materials.

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 redesignates but otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 48:461.4(A)(3)(b), (5)(g), and (B); Adds R.S. 48:461.4(A)(5)(h) and (C))