

Senate Bill 307

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and Gooch of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-6-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 erection, placement, or maintenance of unauthorized structures within rights of way of public
3 roads and authorization of commercial advertisements by a transit agency, so as to provide
4 for definitions relative to advertising; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 32-6-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to erection,
9 placement, or maintenance of unauthorized structures within rights of way of public roads
10 and authorization of commercial advertisements by a transit agency, is amended by revising
11 paragraph (1) of subsections (d) and (g) as follows:

12 "(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

13 (A) 'Bus shelter' means a shelter or bench located at bus stops for the convenience of
14 passengers of public transportation systems owned and operated by governmental units
15 or public authorities or located on county or municipality rights of way for the
16 convenience of residents.

17 (B) 'Commercial advertisements' means any printed or painted signs or multiple media
18 displays on a bus shelter for which space has been rented or leased from the owner of
19 such shelter.

20 (C) 'Multiple media display' means a device by which the message, image, or text is
21 capable of electronic alteration by movement or rotation of panels or slats."

22 "(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

23 (A) 'Commercial advertisements' means any printed or painted signs or multiple
24 ~~message signs~~ media displays on or in transit vehicles or facilities for which space has
25 been rented or leased from the owner of such transit vehicles or facilities.

26 (B) 'Multiple media display' means a device by which the message, image, or text is
27 capable of electronic alteration by movement or rotation of panels or slats.

28 (C) 'Transit agency' means any public agency, public corporation, or public authority
29 existing under the laws of this state that is authorized by any general, special, or local
30 law to provide any type of transit services within any area of this state including, but
31 not limited to, the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Regional Transportation
32 Authority, and the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority.

33 ~~(C)~~(D) 'Transit vehicles or facilities' means everything necessary and appropriate for
34 the conveyance and convenience of passengers who utilize transit services."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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