

Senate Bill 307

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AS PASSED SENATE

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 applicability in relation to other
5 requirements of the article; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 "(h) Multiple media displays authorized pursuant to this Code section shall comply with
37 the operational standards for multiple message signs provided for in Part 2 of this article
38 but shall not be required to comply with any spacing requirements provided for in such part
39 and multiple media displays shall not be considered in regard to the spacing requirements
40 provided for in Code Section 32-6-75 as to the placement of any multiple message sign."

41 **SECTION 2.**

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