

Senate Bill 59

By: Senators Cheeks of the 23rd and Streat of the 19th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-6-75 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 restrictions on outdoor advertising authorized to be erected near the edge of the right of way
3 of the interstate system or primary highways in this state and multiple message signs on the
4 interstate system, primary highways, and other highways, so as to change the allowable
5 spacing of multiple message signs; to change the allowable minimum duration of multiple
6 message signs from ten seconds to six seconds; to provide an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 32-6-75 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on
11 outdoor advertising authorized to be erected near the edge of the right of way of the interstate
12 system or primary highways in this state and multiple message signs on the interstate system,
13 primary highways, and other highways, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection
14 (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "(1) Multiple message signs shall be permitted on the interstate system, primary
16 highways, and other highways under the following conditions:

17 (A) Each sign shall remain fixed for at least ~~ten~~ six seconds;

18 (B) When a message is changed, it shall be accomplished in three seconds or less;

19 (C) No such sign shall be placed within 5,000 feet side of the highway, of another
20 multiple message sign on the same side of the highway;

21 (D) Any such sign shall contain a default design that will freeze the sign in one
22 position if a malfunction occurs; and

23 (E) Any maximum size limitations shall apply independently to each side of a multiple
24 message sign.

25 (F) If the Department shall conclusively determine on at least two separate occasions
26 that the owner of the sign has failed to comply with this Code Section, the sign shall be
27 deemed an illegal sign as defined by paragraph (6) of Code Section 32-6-71 and the
28 sign shall be subject to removal under the terms of this part."

SECTION 2.

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This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

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