

Senate Bill 79

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Harper of the 7th, Butler of the 55th and Ginn of the 47th

AS PASSED SENATE

**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 by Code Sections 32-6-72 and 32-6-73 and
3 multiple message signs on the interstate system, primary highways, and other highways, so
4 as to remove references to the term "mechanical" in relation to multiple message signs; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 32-6-75 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on
9 outdoor advertising authorized by Code Sections 32-6-72 and 32-6-73 and multiple message
10 signs on the interstate system, primary highways, and other highways, is amended by
11 revising paragraph (8) of subsection (a) and subparagraph (c)(1)(C) as follows:

12 "(8) If illuminated, contains, includes, or is illuminated by any flashing, intermittent, or
13 moving light or lights except those giving public service information such as time, date,
14 temperature, weather, or other similar information except as expressly permitted under
15 subsection (c) of this Code section. The illumination of ~~mechanical~~ multiple message
16 signs is not illumination by flashing, intermittent, or moving light or lights, except that
17 no multiple message sign may include any illumination which is flashing, intermittent,
18 or moving when the sign is in a fixed position;"

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

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Code Section 32-6-71 is amended by revising subsection (11.1) as follows:

23 "(11.1) "Multiple message sign" means a sign, display, or device which changes the message
24 or copy on the sign electronically or by movement or rotation of panels or slats."

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.