

House Bill 1103

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Holly of the 116th, Jackson of the 128th, Frye of the 122nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to state highway system, so as to provide for the establishment of and
3 purpose for the Happy Highways Grant Program; to provide for the allocation of grant
4 awards under such program; to provide for grant criteria and application process; to authorize
5 the erection of up to two murals along the state highway system within each county; to
6 authorize any signs containing such murals to be erected within 660 feet of the nearest edge
7 of the right of way; to provide a definition; to provide for contingent effectiveness and
8 automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
9 purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
13 relating to state highway system, is amended by revising paragraphs (4) and (5) of Code
14 Section 32-6-72, relating to designation of outdoor advertising which may be erected or
15 maintained within 660 feet of nearest edge of right of way, as follows:

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42 32-6-75. The content of any mural erected pursuant to this Code section shall be consistent
43 with the grant program's purpose as described in subsection (b) of this Code section,
44 comply with the provisions set forth in Code Section 32-6-52 and paragraphs (1) and (21)
45 of subsection (a) of Code Section 32-6-75, and focus on expressions of the county's culture,
46 values, or history.

47 (d) Each county seeking to participate in and receive funding from the grant program shall
48 submit an application to the department in the manner prescribed by the department,
49 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

50 (e) The department is authorized to establish policies, rules, and regulations as necessary
51 to administer and implement this Code section."

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes
54 of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly and shall stand
55 repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2026, if no such funding becomes available
56 before such date.

57 **SECTION 4.**

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