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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Introduced By: Representative Stephen R.Ucci

Date Introduced: February 12, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-10.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-10.1 entitled  
2 "Outdoor Advertising" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-10.1-3. Limitations of outdoor advertising devices.** -- No outdoor advertising shall  
4 be erected in this state except the following:

5 (1) Directional and other official signs and notices erected, maintained, or authorized by  
6 a public agency or body, which signs and notices shall include, but not be limited to, signs and  
7 notices pertaining to natural wonders and scenic and historic attractions, as authorized or required  
8 by law.

9 (2) Signs, displays, and devices advertising the sale or lease of property upon which they  
10 are located, subject, however, to the national standards as promulgated pursuant to the federal  
11 Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

12 (3) Signs, displays, and devices advertising activities conducted on the property upon  
13 which they are located, subject, however, to the national standards as promulgated pursuant to the  
14 federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965 including spacing requirements of the Rhode Island  
15 department of transportation rules and regulations governing outdoor advertising, except for signs  
16 that are allowed to be relocated as permitted in subsection (5).

17 (4) Bus shelters erected under the authority of the state department of transportation or  
18 Rhode Island public transit authority which shall be permitted no more than one two (2) sided  
19 sign. Each sign face shall be no more than twenty-four (24) square feet in size.

1           (5) Lawfully permitted signs, displays, and devices ~~already in existence may be relocated~~  
2 ~~to other permitted locations~~ with the approval of the appropriate state and municipal  
3 governmental agency(s), provided that ~~the relocated outdoor advertising remains the same or~~  
4 ~~smaller in size, and that~~ such outdoor advertising conforms and is consistent with the municipal  
5 comprehensive plan and related zoning requirements.

6           (6) This chapter shall not preclude the maintenance of existing outdoor advertising.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit the display of outdoor signs and devices with the appropriate state  
2 and municipal agency approval provided that such outdoor advertising conforms and is consistent  
3 with the municipal comprehensive plan and zoning requirements.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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