

SENATE BILL No. 899

December 11, 2003, Introduced by Senators SCHAUER, GEORGE, BRATER, SWITALSKI and TOY and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 106, entitled "Highway advertising act of 1972," by amending section 7 (MCL 252.307), as amended by 1998 PA 533.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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1 Sec. 7. (1) ~~A~~ Except as provided in subsection (3), a
2 permit fee is payable annually in advance, to be credited to the
3 state trunk line fund. The fee is \$100.00 for the first year
4 except that signs in existence prior to a highway's change in
5 designation or jurisdiction which would require signs to be
6 permitted shall only be required to pay the permit renewal amount
7 as provided in subsection (2). The department shall establish an
8 annual expiration date for each permit and may change the
9 expiration date of existing permits to spread the permit renewal
10 activity over the year. Permit fees may be prorated the first
11 year. An application for the renewal of a permit shall be filed

1 with the department at least 30 days before the expiration date.
2 **Beginning October 1, 2004, a party that has received 1 permit**
3 **renewal and has not erected a billboard during the permit term or**
4 **the renewal term shall not be granted an additional renewal term.**

5 (2) For signs greater than 8 square feet and up to and
6 including 300 square feet, the annual permit renewal fee is
7 \$25.00 **through September 30, 2004 and \$50.00 beginning October 1,**
8 **2004.** For signs greater than 300 square feet, the annual permit
9 renewal fee is \$40.00 **through September 30, 2004 and \$100.00**
10 **beginning October 1, 2004.** Signs of the service club and
11 religious category as defined in rules promulgated by the
12 department are not subject to an annual renewal fee.

13 (3) **Beginning October 1, 2004, permit renewal fees collected**
14 **in excess of the rates charged on September 30, 2004, calculated**
15 **on a per permit basis, shall be determined and credited to the**
16 **billboard cleanup fund that is created in this subsection. Funds**
17 **in the billboard cleanup fund shall be expended to remove**
18 **billboards that were erected in violation of this act or**
19 **applicable regulations. The fund shall be administered by the**
20 **department. Cities, villages, townships, and charter townships**
21 **may apply to the department on a form prescribed by the**
22 **department for reimbursement of expenses incurred while removing**
23 **billboards under their jurisdiction pursuant to this subsection.**