

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 351

Sponsor: Sen. Jud Gilbert, II

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Appropriations

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 351 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 6-6-07

Senate Bill 351 would amend Section 4 of the Highway Advertising Act (1972 PA 106). Section 4 currently indicates that the Highway Advertising Act "*occupies the whole field of regulation and control*" of "*the size, lighting, and spacing of signs and sign structures*" with the exception of certain regulatory authority granted to local units of government. Under current law, "*a city, village, township, or charter township may enact ordinances to regulate and control the size, lighting, and spacing of signs and sign structures but shall not permit a sign or sign structure that is otherwise prohibited by this act or require or cause the removal of lawfully erected signs or sign structures subject to this act without the payment of just compensation.*"

Senate Bill 351 would add counties to the local units of government authorized to enact ordinances to regulate signs and sign structures under provisions of the Act.

The bill would also add a new subsection (d) to indicate that a county sign ordinance would apply in a township within a county only if the township had not enacted its own sign ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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