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(A27, R46, S200)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 57‑25‑150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS THAT VOID PERMITS FOR CONFORMING AND NONCONFORMING SIGNS REMOVED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE PERMITS MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR NONCONFORMING SIGNS STRUCTURALLY DAMAGED BY VANDALISM, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR RESTORING NONCONFORMING SIGNS STRUCTURALLY DAMAGED BY VANDALISM.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Void outdoor sign permits, restoration of vandalized nonconforming signs**

SECTION 1. Section 57‑25‑150(G) and (H) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(G) Permits for the following signs are void:

 (1) a conforming sign that is removed voluntarily for more than thirty days; and

 (2) a nonconforming sign that is removed voluntarily by the owner.

 (H) Permits shall be maintained for nonconforming signs structurally damaged by vandalism, and:

 (1) those signs may only be restored in kind;

 (2) restoration may begin not earlier than ten business days after the department has received notice of the vandalism from the sign owner, but must begin no later than one hundred eighty days after the department has received the report of vandalism pursuant to subsection (H)(3); and

 (3) restoration shall not begin until a report of the vandalism incident has been made by the appropriate law enforcement authority and the report has been received by the department.

 (I)(1) National Historic Landmark Section 501(C)(3) properties located along South Carolina highways and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Department of the Interior which are located along South Carolina highways are allowed to erect small directional signs no more frequently than one a mile within six miles of such properties.

 (2) The signs shall state the name of the historic property and mileage and comprise no more than twenty letters measuring no more than fifteen inches by thirty‑six inches and painted using a single color or a neutral background.

 (3) The South Carolina Department of Transportation shall issue a permit sticker for each sign for an annual fee of fifteen dollars a sign. The department is also authorized to issue regulations as are necessary to implement the permit process and the conditions and restrictions for the proper placement, height, and design as necessary to the efficient administration of this subsection. The department has no responsibility for erecting these permitted signs.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 9th day of May, 2017.

Approved the 10th day of May, 2017.

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