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AMENDED

April 27, 2017

**S. 200**

Introduced by Senators Grooms, Bryant, Campbell and Alexander

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 57-25-150(G) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS, TO PROVIDE THAT PERMITS FOR A NONCONFORMING SIGN THAT IS REMOVED OR DISMANTLED ARE VOID.

Amend Title To Conform

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

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 ~~which~~ that is removed voluntarily for more than thirty days; and

(2) ~~conforming sign which is removed, dismantled, or destroyed by an act of God or vandalism for more than sixty days;~~

~~(3)~~ a nonconforming sign ~~which~~ that is removed voluntarily ~~or removed, dismantled, or destroyed by an act of God or vandalism~~ 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.

~~(H)~~(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.”

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

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