

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 03/10/2009

The Committee on Transportation (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 8 - 9

and insert:

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Section 1. Section 479.156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479.156 Wall murals.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a municipality or county may permit and regulate wall murals within areas designated by such government.

(1) If a municipality or county permits wall murals, a wall mural that displays a commercial message and is within 660 feet

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of the nearest edge of the right-of-way within an area adjacent to the interstate highway system or the federal-aid primary highway system must shall be located in an area that is zoned for industrial or commercial use. and The municipality or county shall establish and enforce regulations for such areas that, at a minimum, set forth criteria governing the size, lighting, and spacing of wall murals consistent with the intent of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 and with customary use.

- (a) A wall mural that is subject to municipal or county regulation and the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 must be approved by the department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and may not violate the agreement between the state and the United States Department of Transportation or violate federal regulations enforced by the department of Transportation under s. 479.02(1).
- (b) If, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. s. 131(d) and 23 U.S.C. s. 750.706(c), a municipality or county makes a determination of customary use, such determination shall be accepted in lieu of controls in the agreement between the state and the United States Department of Transportation, and the department shall notify the Federal Highway Administration.
- (2) The existence of a wall mural may as defined in s. 479.01(27) shall not be considered in determining whether a new or existing sign as defined in s. 479.01(17), either existing or $\frac{\text{new}_{r}}{\text{is}}$ is in compliance with s. 479.07(9)(a).

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 4



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An act relating to wall murals; amending s. 479.156, F.S.; clarifying that a municipality or county is authorized to make a determination of customary use with respect to regulations governing commercial wall murals and that such determination must be accepted in lieu of any agreement between the state and the United States Department of Transportation; providing an effective date.