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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 22, 2001

Senate Bill No. 476

SENATE BILL NO. 476 - By: STIPE of the Senate and TYLER of the House.

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; amending 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1280, which relates to the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1968; clarifying statutory reference; modifying certain remedy for taking of outdoor advertising structures; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1280, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1280. ~~(a)~~ A. Outdoor advertising and property rights pertaining thereto may be acquired by the Department of Transportation under agreement between the Department, the owner of the outdoor advertising and the owner of the land upon which the outdoor advertising is located if the outdoor advertising is lawfully in existence ~~on the effective date of this act~~ pursuant to Sections 1274 and 1275 of this title and located within areas prohibited to advertising by ~~this act~~ the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1968. ~~Such~~ The compensation must be based on fair market value.

~~(b)~~ B. Outdoor advertising is a trade fixture, and owners shall be awarded just and fair compensation for its taking.

1 ~~(c)~~ C. If the Department and the owners are unable to agree
2 upon the amount of compensation to be paid by the Department, the
3 Department may acquire by condemnation such outdoor advertising and
4 property rights pertaining thereto. This right of eminent domain or
5 condemnation shall be exercised in the manner provided by law.

6 ~~(d)~~ D. Any outdoor advertising authorized under Sections 1274
7 and 1275 of this title which does not conform with standards
8 ~~contained in regulations set forth in this act,~~ set forth in
9 Sections 1274 and 1275 of this title except as provided in Section
10 1278 of this title, and any outdoor advertising prohibited by ~~this~~
11 ~~act~~ law and not subject to compensation under other terms of this
12 ~~act section~~ shall, ~~after the effective date of this act,~~ be a public
13 nuisance. The Department shall give notice by certified mail to the
14 owner of the sign and to the owner of the land upon which the
15 outdoor advertising is located, ordering the notified owners to
16 cause the outdoor advertising to conform with ~~regulations~~ rules
17 relating to outdoor advertising or to remove prohibited outdoor
18 advertising. If the owner of the sign or the landowner fails to act
19 within ninety (90) days after mailing of the notice, the Department
20 may, at its discretion, remove the outdoor advertising device.

21 ~~(e)~~ E. All persons or business entities engaged in the outdoor
22 advertising business, which includes but is not limited to, the
23 erection, maintenance and selling of advertising space on and along

1 the interstate and federal-aid primary highways of this state,
2 shall, not later than October 31, 1972, furnish the Director of the
3 Department of Transportation a written inventory of all outdoor
4 advertising signs, displays or devices erected and being maintained
5 by ~~such~~ the person or entity. ~~Such~~ The inventory shall include,
6 with respect to each such sign, not less than the following
7 information:

- 8 ~~(1)~~ 1. Location and dimensions of the sign;
9 ~~(2)~~ 2. Distance from the nearest edge of the right-of-way;
10 ~~(3)~~ 3. Date erected; and
11 ~~(4)~~ 4. Name and address of the owner of the property on which
12 the sign is located.

13 ~~(f)~~ F. For failure to comply with the conditions set forth in
14 subsection ~~(e)~~ E of this section, the Department may declare such
15 outdoor advertising signs, displays or devices to be a public
16 nuisance and remove them in the manner provided by subsection ~~(d)~~ D
17 of this section.

18 ~~(g)~~ G. Regardless of any local ~~regulation or~~ ordinance
19 requiring amortization, the compensation provided in subsections ~~(a)~~
20 A through ~~(e)~~ C of this section and subsections (a) through (d) of
21 Section 1279 of this title shall be the exclusive remedy for taking
22 such outdoor advertising and property rights pertaining thereto.

1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 2-20-01 - DO
6 PASS, As Coauthored.