

By Senator Alexander

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to outdoor advertising;  
creating s. 479.024, F.S.; prohibiting the  
repair or replacement of certain highway signs  
that are damaged or destroyed; providing an  
exception; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 479.024, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

479.024 Replacement of damaged or destroyed signs.--

(1) A sign that is adjacent to a state, interstate, or  
federal-aid primary highway system in this state and listed as  
lawfully erected by the department on July 1, 2005, may remain  
in place and be maintained as long as the owner complies with  
this chapter. However, the following signs may not be repaired  
or replaced:

(a) A sign with a wood sign structure that is damaged  
to the extent that normal repair practices require more than  
50 percent of the above-ground structure to be replaced; or

(b) A sign with a metal sign structure that is damaged  
to the extent that normal repair practices require more than  
25 percent of the above-ground structure to be replaced.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), such sign may be  
repaired or replaced if the damage was caused by vandalism or  
other criminal or tortuous act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits the repair or replacement of advertising signs adjacent to certain highways. Provides an exception.