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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Transportation (Gainer) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 479.07, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

479.07 Sign permits.—

(5) (a) For each permit issued, the department shall furnish
to the applicant a serially numbered permanent metal permit tag.
The permittee is responsible for maintaining a valid permit tag



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11 on each permitted sign facing at all times. The tag shall be
12 securely attached to the upper 50 percent of the sign structure,
13 and attached in such a manner as to be plainly visible from the
14 main-traveled way. The permit tag must be properly and
15 permanently displayed at the permitted site within 30 days after
16 the date of permit issuance. If the permittee fails to erect a
17 completed sign on the permitted site within 270 days after the
18 date on which the permit was issued, the permit will be void,
19 and the department may not issue a new permit to that permittee
20 for the same location for 270 days after the date on which the
21 permit becomes void.

22 (b) If a permit tag is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the
23 permittee to whom the tag was issued must apply to the
24 department for a replacement tag. The department shall establish
25 a service fee for replacement tags in an amount that will
26 recover the actual cost of providing the replacement tag. Upon
27 receipt of the application accompanied by the service fee, the
28 department shall issue a replacement permit tag.

29 (c)1. As soon as practicable, the department shall create
30 and implement a publicly accessible electronic database to
31 include all permits issued by the department. At a minimum, the
32 database must include the name and contact information of the
33 permit operator, the structure identification number or numbers,
34 the panel or face identification number or numbers, the latitude
35 and longitude of the permitted sign, the compass bearing, images
36 of the permitted sign once constructed, and the most recent date
37 the department visually inspected the permitted sign.

38 2. Once the department creates and implements the publicly
39 accessible electronic database:



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- 40 a. The department may not furnish permanent metal permit
41 tags or replacement tags to permittees;
- 42 b. The department may not enforce the provisions relating
43 to permanent metal permit tags or replacement tags specified in
44 paragraphs (a) and (b); and
- 45 c. Permittees are not required to return permit tags to the
46 department as provided in subsection (8).

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete everything before the enacting clause
52 and insert:

53 A bill to be entitled
54 An act relating to outdoor advertising; amending s.
55 479.07, F.S.; requiring the Department of
56 Transportation to create and implement a publicly
57 accessible electronic database for sign permit
58 information; specifying requirements for the database;
59 prohibiting the department from furnishing permanent
60 metal permit tags or replacement tags and from
61 enforcing specified provisions once the department
62 creates and implements the database; specifying that
63 permittees are not required to return permit tags to
64 the department once the department creates and
65 implements the database; providing an effective date.