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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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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.