

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Gainer

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to outdoor advertising; amending s.  
3       479.07, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
4       Transportation to create and implement a publicly  
5       accessible electronic database for sign permit  
6       information; specifying requirements for the database;  
7       prohibiting the department from furnishing permanent  
8       metal permit tags or replacement tags and from  
9       enforcing specified provisions once the department  
10      creates and implements the database; specifying that  
11      permittees are not required to return permit tags to  
12      the department once the department creates and  
13      implements the database; providing an effective date.

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

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

19       479.07 Sign permits.—

20       (5) (a) For each permit issued, the department shall furnish  
21       to the applicant a serially numbered permanent metal permit tag.  
22       The permittee is responsible for maintaining a valid permit tag  
23       on each permitted sign facing at all times. The tag shall be  
24       securely attached to the upper 50 percent of the sign structure,  
25       and attached in such a manner as to be plainly visible from the  
26       main-traveled way. The permit tag must be properly and  
27       permanently displayed at the permitted site within 30 days after  
28       the date of permit issuance. If the permittee fails to erect a  
29       completed sign on the permitted site within 270 days after the

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30 date on which the permit was issued, the permit will be void,  
31 and the department may not issue a new permit to that permittee  
32 for the same location for 270 days after the date on which the  
33 permit becomes void.

34 (b) If a permit tag is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the  
35 permittee to whom the tag was issued must apply to the  
36 department for a replacement tag. The department shall establish  
37 a service fee for replacement tags in an amount that will  
38 recover the actual cost of providing the replacement tag. Upon  
39 receipt of the application accompanied by the service fee, the  
40 department shall issue a replacement permit tag.

41 (c)1. As soon as practicable, the department shall create  
42 and implement a publicly accessible electronic database to  
43 include all permits issued by the department. At a minimum, the  
44 database must include the name and contact information of the  
45 permit operator, the structure identification number or numbers,  
46 the panel or face identification number or numbers, the latitude  
47 and longitude of the permitted sign, the compass bearing, images  
48 of the permitted sign once constructed, and the most recent date  
49 the department visually inspected the permitted sign.

50 2. Once the department creates and implements the publicly  
51 accessible electronic database:

52 a. The department may not furnish permanent metal permit  
53 tags or replacement tags to permittees;

54 b. The department may not enforce the provisions relating  
55 to permanent metal permit tags or replacement tags specified in  
56 paragraphs (a) and (b); and

57 c. Permittees are not required to return permit tags to the  
58 department as provided in subsection (8).

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