

LEGISLATIVE BILL 472

Approved by the Governor February 28, 2018

Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highways; to amend section 39-220, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to change provisions relating to permits for advertisements along the Highway Beautification Control System; to eliminate a fee; to change provisions relating to the Department of Transportation's authority to make rules and regulations concerning signs along highways; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 39-220, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is amended to read:

39-220 The Department of Transportation may at its discretion require permits for advertising signs, displays, or devices which are placed or allowed to exist along or upon ~~the Highway Beautification Control System any interstate or primary highway or which are at any point visible from the main-traveled way of the Highway Beautification Control System, except for on-premise signs, displays, and devices, as defined in the department's rules and regulations, for advertising activities conducted on the property on which the sign, display, or device is located~~ signs located within an area of fifty feet of any commercial or industrial building on the premises. Such permits shall be renewed biennially. Each sign shall bear on the side facing the highway the permit number in a readily observable place for inspection purposes from the highway right-of-way. ~~The department is authorized to charge a fee to be not less than twenty-five cents or not to exceed fifteen dollars for each permit and renewal permit for each individual sign. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement and administer establishing, and from time to time adjusting, the annual fees for the permits to cover the costs of administering sections 39-212 to 39-226 and may by rule and regulation provide exceptions from the payment of fees for signs advertising eleemosynary or nonprofit public service activities, signs designating historical sites, and farm and ranch directional signs.~~ The department may revoke the permit for noncompliance reasons and remove the sign if, after thirty days' notification to the sign owner, the sign remains in noncompliance. Printed sale bills not exceeding two hundred sixteen square inches in size shall not require a permit if otherwise conforming.

Sec. 2. Original section 39-220, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is repealed.