



S.F. No. 485 – Statewide moratorium on billboard construction

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S.F. 485 establishes a statewide moratorium on new billboard construction, declares existing billboards nonconforming uses, and authorizes a municipality to phase out billboards via ordinance.

Section 1 provides legislative findings regarding the statewide moratorium on new billboard construction.

Section 2 establishes the statewide moratorium. **Subdivision 1** expands the existing definition of ‘advertising device’ for a billboard to include advertising devices that are visible to any person whether they are in a motor vehicle or not. **Subdivision 2** prohibits a state agency or political subdivision from issuing a permit for a new billboard as of the day following final enactment, and pre-empts any ordinance, charter provision, or policy that conflicts with the new section as void and unenforceable. **Subdivision 3** establishes that existing billboards are nonconforming uses and subject to certain to statutes that govern nonconforming uses at the county and municipal level.

Section 3 authorizes a municipality to amortize billboards by ordinance.