



S.F. No. 485 – Statewide moratorium on billboard construction (as amended by A-1 amendment)

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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 on billboard construction.

Subdivision 1 expands the existing definition of ‘advertising device’ for a billboard to include advertising devices visible to any person whether they are in a motor vehicle or not, but exempts advertising devices that pertain to any business, product, person, activity, event, or service that is primarily conducted, sold, manufactured, offered, or located on premises where the sign is located.

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.

Section 3 authorizes a municipality to amortize billboards by ordinance.

