

By: Truitt

H.B. No. 2179

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2179:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the removal of certain on-premise signs in a municipality.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 216.003, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the ~~The~~ owner of a sign that is required to be relocated, reconstructed, or removed is entitled to be compensated by the municipality for costs associated with the relocation, reconstruction, or removal.

(e) A municipality that exercises authority under this subchapter may, without paying compensation as provided by this subchapter, require the removal of an on-premise sign or sign structure not sooner than the first anniversary of the date the business, person, or activity that the sign or sign structure identifies or advertises ceases to operate on the premises on which the sign or sign structure is located. The removal of a sign or sign structure as described by this subsection does not require the appointment of a board under Section 216.004.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.