Senate Bill 284 - Senator Borris Miles

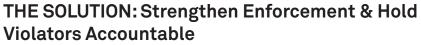
Relating to the civil penalty for certain signs placed on the right-of-way of a public road.

Stop Illegal Bandit Signs: Support SB 284 (Miles) "Bandit Signs"

THE PROBLEM: A Costly, Unchecked Nuisance

Unauthorized bandit signs—illegally placed on public roadways, medians, and utility poles—are more than just an eyesore. They create **safety hazards**, contribute to **visual blight**, and **burden taxpayers** with costly removal efforts. Despite existing regulations, bad actors continue to exploit

public spaces, undermining both community standards and law-abiding businesses. Without stronger enforcement, these violations will persist—at the public's expense.



This legislation ensures **businesses benefiting from illegal bandit signs—not just installers—are held responsible** and establishes clear, enforceable penalties:

- Expands Liability Ensures that the individuals or businesses profiting from these signs are accountable, not just the sign placers.
- Increases Civil Penalties for Repeat Offenders:
 - First Violation: \$1,000 fine (removes previous range of \$500-\$1,000).
 - Second Violation: \$2,500 fine (eliminates outdated provisions).
 - Third & Subsequent Violations: \$5,000 fine (removes unnecessary discretion in assessments).
- Simplifies Enforcement Eliminates loopholes that have allowed violators to avoid meaningful consequences, including the provision that assessed separate daily penalties.

Why This Matters to You

- ✓ **Protects Public Spaces** Keeps roads, intersections, and neighborhoods free of illegal clutter.
- ✓ Saves Taxpayer Dollars Reduces cleanup costs and shifts financial responsibility to violators.
- ✓ **Levels the Playing Field** Stops businesses from gaining an unfair advantage through illegal advertising.
- ✓ Empowers Local Enforcement Provides municipalities with the legal backing to crack down on repeat offenders.

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Illegal bandit signs degrade our communities and cost taxpayers thousands in removal efforts every year. This bill provides a clear, enforceable solution to curb violations and hold violators accountable. We urge you to support this legislation and help protect our public spaces from further exploitation.