

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.**

THE SOLUTION: Strengthen Enforcement & Hold Violators Accountable

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 - **Second Violation:** \$2,500 fine (eliminates outdated provisions).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.

TAKE ACTION: Support Senate Bill 284 - Senator Borris Miles

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.**

