



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB2595

by Rep. Charles E Meier

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 440/8

from Ch. 121, par. 508

225 ILCS 440/8.5 new

Amends the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971. Provides that realtors shall not be required to pay any fee in connection with registering signs that advertise a specific property or properties to be sold. Provides that the Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois shall notify the owners of all unregistered signs and demand payment of fees only after the Department has assessed all interstate highways within the State.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971 is
5 amended by changing Section 8 and by adding Section 8.5 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 440/8) (from Ch. 121, par. 508)

8 Sec. 8. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Act
9 each sign, except signs described by Section 4.01 and signs
10 along primary highways described by Sections 4.02 and 4.03,
11 must be registered with the Department by the owner of the
12 sign, on forms obtained from the Department. Within 90 days
13 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1975, each
14 sign located beyond 660 feet of the right-of-way located
15 outside of urban areas, visible from the main-traveled way of
16 the highway and erected with the purpose of the message being
17 read from such traveled way, must be registered with the
18 Department by the owner of the sign on forms obtained from the
19 Department. The Department shall require reasonable
20 information to be furnished including the name of the owner of
21 the land on which the sign is located and a statement that the
22 owner has consented to the erection or maintenance of the sign.
23 Registration must be made of each sign and shall be accompanied

1 by a registration fee of \$5.

2 No sign, except signs described by Section 4.01 and signs
3 along primary highways described by Sections 4.02 and 4.03, may
4 be erected after the effective date of this Act without first
5 obtaining a permit from the Department. The application for
6 permit shall be on a form provided by the Department and shall
7 contain such information as the Department may reasonably
8 require. Upon receipt of an application containing all required
9 information and appropriately executed and upon payment of the
10 fee required under this Section, the Department then issues a
11 permit to the applicant for the erection of the sign, provided
12 such sign will not violate any provision of this Act. The
13 application fee shall be as follows:

14 (1) for signs of less than 150 square feet, \$50;

15 (2) for signs of at least 150 but less than 300 square
16 feet, \$100; and

17 (3) for signs of 300 or more square feet, \$200.

18 Upon change of sign ownership the new owner of the sign
19 shall notify the Department and supply the necessary
20 information to renew the permit for such sign at no cost within
21 60 days after the change of ownership. Any permit not so
22 renewed shall become void.

23 Owners of registered signs shall be issued an identifying
24 tag, which must be securely affixed to the front face of the
25 sign or sign structure in a conspicuous position by the owner
26 within 60 days after receipt of the tag; owners of signs

1 erected by permit shall be issued an identifying tag which must
2 be securely affixed to the front face of the sign or sign
3 structure in a conspicuous position by the owner upon
4 completion of the sign erection or within 10 days after receipt
5 of the tag, whichever is the later.

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, realtors
7 shall not be required to pay any fee in connection with
8 registering signs that advertise a specific property or
9 properties to be sold.

10 (Source: P.A. 87-1205.)

11 (225 ILCS 440/8.5 new)

12 Sec. 8.5. Unregistered signs. No more than once each year,
13 the Department shall notify owners of unregistered signs of the
14 need to register a sign and pay the fees associated with the
15 registration. The Department shall notify the owners of all
16 unregistered signs and demand payment of fees only after the
17 Department has assessed all interstate highways within this
18 State.