



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 766**

LCO No. 4049

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN  
ADVERTISING STRUCTURES, SIGNS, DISPLAYS OR DEVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 13a-123 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (j) The commissioner may order the removal of any advertising  
5 structure, sign, display or device along any interstate, federal-aid  
6 primary, or other limited access state highway erected in violation of  
7 this section. Any advertising structure, sign, display or device in  
8 existence on September 1, 1965, within six hundred and sixty feet of  
9 the right-of-way of any interstate, federal-aid primary, or other limited  
10 access state highway may continue to be maintained until July 1, 1970,  
11 but may not be replaced or relocated on such highway except (1) in  
12 areas where otherwise allowed by statute or regulations adopted  
13 thereunder, or (2) if such sign is removed from a building to which it is  
14 attached for purposes of repair or reconstruction of the building, the  
15 identical sign may be returned to its original position. Any advertising  
16 structure, sign, display or device lawfully erected since September 1,

17 1965, within six hundred sixty feet of the right-of-way of any interstate,  
 18 federal-aid primary, or other limited access state highway and before  
 19 June 21, 1967, may continue to be maintained until the end of the fifth  
 20 year after it becomes nonconforming, but may not be replaced or  
 21 relocated on such highway except in areas where otherwise allowed by  
 22 statute or regulations adopted thereunder. Any advertising structure,  
 23 sign, display or device lawfully erected on or after October 1, 2006, and  
 24 in existence on October 1, 2011, within six hundred sixty feet of the  
 25 right-of-way of any interstate, federal-aid primary, or other limited  
 26 access state highway may be replaced, provided (A) such structure,  
 27 sign, display or device cannot be repaired, (B) no dimension of such  
 28 replacement structure, sign, display or device shall exceed the same  
 29 dimension of the structure, sign, display or device being replaced, and  
 30 (C) such replacement structure, sign, display or device shall be located  
 31 in the original position and location of the existing structure, sign,  
 32 display or device. If the person, firm or corporation in control of or  
 33 owning a structure, sign, display or device or whose name appears  
 34 thereon does not remove it within fourteen days after an order of  
 35 removal has been sent to such person, firm or corporation by  
 36 registered or certified mail, said commissioner may cause such  
 37 structure, sign, display or device to be removed and the expense of  
 38 such removal may be collected from the person, firm or corporation  
 39 owning or controlling the same in an action based on the provisions of  
 40 this section, or from the sureties on the bond filed by a nonresident  
 41 person, firm or corporation pursuant to section 21-54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	13a-123(j)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow the replacement of certain advertising structures, signs, displays or devices.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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