

February 13, 2007

S 150. OUTDOOR ADV. VEGETATION REMOVAL CHANGES (=H 49). Filed 2/13/07. *TO CHANGE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SELECTIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL POLICY TO AUTHORIZE A FIVE HUNDRED FOOT REMOVAL ZONE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.* Identical to H 49, filed 1/30/07.

Intro. by Jenkins.

GS 136

June 14, 2007

S 150. OUTDOOR ADV. VEGETATION REMOVAL CHANGES. Filed 2/13/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 136-18.7 to increase the fee for a selective vegetation removal permit issued pursuant to GS 136-18(5), (7), and (9) from \$200 to \$300. Makes the fee nonrefundable. Amends GS 136-93 by adding new subsection (b) to provide for fines in addition to any penalty imposed by the court ranging from \$2,000 to a maximum of \$30,000 for trimming or removing a tree in violation of the statute. Amends GS 136-129 (limitations of outdoor advertising devices) to provide guidelines regarding spacing of legally erected advertising structures, fees for those structures, designation by the Department of Transportation (DOT) of a portion of the fees for restoration funds, and limitations on fees or charges for restoration or compensatory replacement of vegetation. Modifies proposed new GS 136-133.1 (outdoor advertising selective vegetation removal) to provide guidelines as to vegetation permitted to be removed from the maximum removal area determined by applying metes and bounds described in GS 136-133.1. Also modifies the distances used to determine the maximum removal area. Additionally provides guidelines governing the removal of vegetation and violations that may result in the temporary or permanent revocation of an advertising permit. Directs that the issuance of permits to remove vegetation are available at the sole discretion of DOT only for locations that have been permitted for at least two years and provides that a party who loses an appeal of an outdoor advertising permit revocation has to forfeit all revenue generated by the outdoor advertising from the date of the revocation to the date of the court decision or settlement to DOT. Changes the title.

July 19, 2007

S 150. OUTDOOR ADV. VEGETATION REMOVAL CHANGES. Filed 2/13/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes a technical correction to proposed GS 136-129(c). Makes the act effective for permits and offenses on or after December 1, 2007 (was, when it becomes law).

July 23, 2007

S 150. OUTDOOR ADV. VEGETATION REMOVAL CHANGES. Filed 2/13/07. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Modifies proposed GS 136-93(b) to replace the fine with a restoration fee and to provide that the maximum fee is per location of a violation. Requires the Department of Transportation to use the restoration fee for the restoration or replacement of the vegetation that was removed in violation of the statute.