

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 1999-436
SENATE BILL 829

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ON A PORTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 40 AND TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM PENDING THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall study whether the additional erection of outdoor advertising along the portion of Interstate Highway 40 from the Orange-Alamance county line to the municipal limits of the City of Wilmington should be prohibited. The Committee shall examine the issue with regard to outdoor advertising as defined in G.S. 136-128(3), that is visible and intended to be read from the highway right-of-way. The Committee shall also study the advisability of the Department of Transportation allowing owners of billboards to enter upon the right-of-way and destroy vegetation which might obscure their advertising. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2000 Regular Session of the 1999 General Assembly. Pending the report of the Committee, a moratorium is imposed on the erection of new outdoor advertising along the portion of Interstate Highway 40 from the Orange-Alamance county line to the municipal limits of the City of Wilmington. The moratorium imposed by this section shall not apply to outdoor advertising described in G.S. 136-129 (1), (2), or (3). The moratorium shall expire July 1, 2000.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of July, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 9:15 p.m. this 10th day of August, 1999