

CHAPTER NO. 45.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

INTRODUCED BY KANDUCH

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

IN THE HOUSE

January 4, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 6, 1979	On motion, joint rule 6-6 suspended and sponsor's signature allowed to be added to prefiled bill.
January 18, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass and placed on Consent Calendar. Report adopted.
January 19, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 22, 1979	Third reading Consent Calendar, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

January 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 3, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
February 6, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
February 7, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
February 9, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

February 10, 1979

Returned from second house.  
Concurred in. Sent to  
enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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7 TO CERTAIN TYPES OF SIGNS; AMENDING SECTION 75-15-113, MCA."  
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14 highway outside of an urban area, outdoor advertising  
15 permitted under subsections (1)(d) and (1)(e) of 75-15-111  
16 shall conform to the following requirements:  
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18 exceed 1,200 square feet in area, including border and trim  
19 but excluding base or apron, supports, and other structural  
20 members.  
21 (2) Maximum length, 60 feet.  
22 (3) Maximum height, 40 feet as measured from the  
23 ground or, if the sign is attached to a structure, as  
24 measured from the base of the sign itself.  
25 (4) No more than two facings visible and readable from

1 the same direction on the main-traveled way may be erected  
2 on any one sign structure. Whenever two facings are so  
3 positioned, neither shall exceed 325 square feet.  
4 (5) Double-faced, back-to-back, and V-type signs shall  
5 be considered as a single sign or structure.  
6 (6) Where two or more faces, back to back, are  
7 supported by separate structures, each shall be considered a  
8 single sign.  
9 (7) No two signs shall be spaced less than 500 feet  
10 apart adjacent to an interstate highway or limited-access  
11 primary highway, except that signs may be erected closer  
12 than 500 feet if they are separated by buildings or other  
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14 (b) Signs which are not effectively shielded as to  
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