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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.1-95.2, relating to adjustment 3 or relocation of certain billboard signs.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 33.1-95.2 as follows: 8

§ 33.1-95.2. Adjustment or relocation of certain billboard signs.

9 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, whenever land is acquired due to 10 the widening, construction, or reconstruction of any highway as defined in § 33.1-351 by purchase or by use of the power of eminent domain and upon such land is situated a lawfully erected billboard sign as 11 12 defined in § 33.1-351, such billboard sign may be relocated as provided in this section.

13 B. If a billboard sign meets all requirements under the provision of this title and § 4.1-113.1 in the 14 case of outdoor alcoholic beverage advertising, but is considered nonconforming solely due to a local 15 ordinance, the owner of the billboard sign, at his sole cost and expense, shall have the option to 16 relocate such billboard sign to another location as close as practicable on the same property, adjusting 17 the height or angle of the billboard sign to a height or angle that restores the visibility of the billboard 18 sign to the same or comparable visibility as before the taking, provided the new location also meets all 19 the requirements of this title and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

20 C. Nothing in this section shall authorize the owner of such billboard sign to increase the size of the 21 sign face, and a relocated billboard shall continue to be nonconforming in its new location unless the 22 relocated billboard becomes conforming in its new location under the local ordinance. The provisions of 23 § 33.1-370.2 shall apply to any relocation.

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