

# CHAPTER 97-89

## Senate Bill No. 98

An act relating to outdoor advertising; amending s. 479.16, F.S.; allowing certain unpermitted signs in rural areas; providing exceptions; prohibiting the implementation of this provision in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (15) of section 479.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479.16 Signs for which permits are not required.—The following signs are exempt from the requirement that a permit for a sign be obtained under the provisions of this chapter but are required to comply with the provisions of s. 479.11(4)-(8):

(15) Signs not in excess of ~~16~~ 8 square feet placed at a road junction with the State Highway System denoting only the distance or direction of a residence or farm operation, or, in a rural area where a hardship is created because a small business is not visible from the road junction with the state highway system, one sign not in excess of 8 square feet, denoting only the name of the business and the distance and direction to the business. The small-business-sign provision of this subsection does not apply to charter counties and may not be implemented if the Federal Government notifies the department that implementation will adversely affect the allocation of federal funds to the department.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 24, 1997.

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