

CHAPTER 2017-211

House Bill No. 1153

An act relating to Broward County; providing legislative findings; providing for an alternate means to measure permitted sign height on interstate highways within Broward County; providing for the Florida Department of Transportation to promulgate rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Broward County has undergone significant expansion of its interstate system over the last 5 years. Broward County is the second most populous county in the state and is largely built out. The expansion of Broward County interstate highways occurred in fully developed areas in which relocation of permitted signs is difficult; the placement of new ramps, bridges, and other construction within the interstate right-of-way can hinder the ability of the public to view existing permitted signs; and allowing a minimal height increase based upon the height of the obstruction is reasonable.

Section 2. Notwithstanding general law to the contrary, in the event that a properly permitted sign on an interstate highway within Broward County is subsequently obstructed by the construction of a ramp, braided bridge, or other permanent visual obstruction within the interstate right-of-way, then the allowable height of the permitted sign shall be measured from the top of the visual obstruction. In no event shall the height of the sign exceed 100 feet above the crown of the main traveled way of the road to which the sign is permitted regardless of the height of the visual obstruction.

Section 3. The Department of Transportation is authorized to promulgate any rules or forms necessary to implement this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2017.

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