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SENATE BILL 829
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Short Title: No Billboards on I-40 East.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Jordan; Gulley and Kinnaird.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION
3 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO PROHIBITING
4 THE ERECTION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ON A PORTION OF
5 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 40 AND TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM PENDING
6 THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall
9 study whether the additional erection of outdoor advertising along the portion of
10 Interstate Highway 40 from the Orange-Alamance county line to the municipal limits of
11 the City of Wilmington should be prohibited. The Committee shall examine the issue
12 with regard to outdoor advertising as defined in G.S. 136-128(3), that is visible and
13 intended to be read from the highway right-of-way. The Committee shall also study the
14 advisability of the Department of Transportation allowing owners of billboards to enter
15 upon the right-of-way and destroy vegetation which might obscure their advertising. The
16 Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2000 Regular Session of
17 the 1999 General Assembly. Pending the report of the Committee, a moratorium is
18 imposed on the erection of new outdoor advertising along the portion of Interstate

1 Highway 40 from the Orange-Alamance county line to the municipal limits of the City of
2 Wilmington. The moratorium imposed by this section shall not apply to outdoor
3 advertising described in G.S. 136-129 (1), (2), or (3). The moratorium shall expire July
4 1, 2000.

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