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Senator Patton

To amend section 5516.03 of the Revised Code to
allow authorized advertising devices to be
placed closer to interstate, national, and
primary highway system interchanges.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5516.03 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5516.03. The director of transportation shall adopt,
amend, and enforce rules, consistent with the customary use of
outdoor advertising, the safety of the traveling public, and
national policy as are necessary to carry out the provisions of
this chapter. Such rules may include, but shall not be limited
to, sizing, lighting, spacing, and such other conditions as may
be necessary to promote the safety of the traveling public and
effect the national policy. The Any rule adopted by the director
governing spacing criteria shall require the minimum distance
between an advertising device and an interchange or proposed
interchange of a highway on the interstate system or primary
system to be four hundred feet.

The rules shall be in addition to the provisions of
municipal ordinances regulating advertising devices and shall

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not invalidate the provisions of any municipal ordinance that
are equivalent to and consistent with the rules adopted by the
director under this section. The director shall furnish a copy
of such rules, without charge, to any person making a request
therefor.

Section 2. That existing section 5516.03 of the Revised
Code is hereby repealed.