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**GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE**

*House Bill 429, "An act to require local governments to pay monetary compensation for removal of lawfully erected off-premises outdoor advertising signs and to authorize local governments to enter into relocation and reconstruction agreements with owners of nonconforming off-premises outdoor advertising signs."*

I support fair compensation for the owners of billboards that are removed by localities. I urge the General Assembly to find a reasonable compensation formula because this bill does not accomplish that goal. The formula provided in this legislation is unfair and overly burdensome to city and county governments and the taxpayers they represent. Further, it raises constitutional questions.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Easley".

Michael F. Easley

*The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this 9th day of July, 2004 at 2:01 pm for reconsideration by that body.*

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