

Assembly Bill No. 135

CHAPTER 192

An act to add Section 556.4 to the Penal Code, relating to trespass.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 135, Hertzberg. Trespass: illegal signs: evidence.

Under existing law, it is a misdemeanor to place any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession, or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away, on either public or private property, without lawful permission.

This bill would permit information, such as the name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information of a person or entity, as specified, that appears on any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device to be used as evidence to establish the fact, and to create an inference, that the person or entity identified is responsible for the posting of the sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device, for purposes of these provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 556.4 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

556.4. For purposes of this article, information that appears on any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device such as, but not limited to, the following, may be used as evidence to establish the fact, and may create an inference, that a person or entity is responsible for the posting of the sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device:

(a) The name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information regarding the real estate broker, real estate brokerage firm, real estate agent, or other person associated with the firm.

(b) The name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information of the owner or lessee of property used for a commercial activity or event.

(c) The name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information of the sponsor or promoter of a sporting event, concert, theatrical performance, or similar activity or event.

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