

**Notice**

On May 12, 2011, Governor Deal signed House Bill 179 into law. Effective July 1, 2011, the permit renewal period for all GDOT outdoor permits changes to January 1st through April 1st of each year.

Outdoor advertising invoices due for the present renewal period, July 2011, have been mailed, but the enactment of this law effectively nullifies the invoicing and billing from the month of July through December 2011. Any current payments made to the Department for July through December of this year will be returned to the customer, unless previous years' renewal payments are delinquent. The Department will issue a renewal invoice to sign owners in December for all permits. Renewal payments for all signs will be due on or before April 1, 2012.

The Department encourages sign owners who may be delinquent in past renewal payments to take this brief lull in the billing and payment cycle to submit past due payment(s) in order to avoid the increase in renewal fees that will be implemented by the law and invoiced in December.

Please be aware of upcoming notifications on our webpage of pending rule and policy updates that are required with the enactment of this law.

Should you have any questions, please call the Outdoor Advertising Office at (404) 637-1392.