

Any person or persons who shall cut down, trim, mutilate or in any manner injure any roadside tree, except as provided for in this section, without a permit from the State Department of Forestry or its duly authorized representative shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each offense, which fine shall be payable to the State Department of Forestry for the purposes described in this sub-title.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 24. 1912, sec. 15-I. 1914, ch. 824. 1922, ch. 436 1931, ch. 337.

24. Any person or corporation who in any manner, paints, puts or fixes any advertisement, sign, notice or other writing or printing other than notices posted in pursuance of law, on or to any stone, tree, fence, stump, pole, building or other structure which is in or upon the public highway or which is on the property of another, without first obtaining the written consent of such owner, or who in any manner procures, direct or induces the painting, fixing or placing of any advertisement or sign as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punishable by fine of not more than \$10.00 for each separate offense, which fine shall be payable to the State Department of Forestry for the purposes described in this section; provided, however, that the State Roads Commission shall have authority at any time to grant to any person or corporation the right to place advertisements along or upon the public highways of the State, said advertisement, however, to be used only in conjunction with direction or danger signals, and subject to such limitations and restrictions as the State Roads Commission shall impose at the time of the granting of said permit or thereafter, and said permit in no event to be issued unless the need for the direction or danger signals to be erected in connection therewith is clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the State Roads Commission, and any person or corporation doing any of the things prohibited by this section under and by virtue of a permit issued to him or it by the State Roads Commission as aforesaid shall be immune from prosecution for the commission of any acts under the terms of this section. For the purpose of enforcing this section the presence or existence of any advertisement or sign upon the public highway or upon private property adjacent thereto shall constitute *prima facie* evidence that said sign was painted, placed, fixed or erected by direction or with the consent and approval of the party or parties, his, its or their agent or representative in the State of Maryland, whose name, business, vocation or merchandise is advertised thereon.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 25. 1912, sec. 15J. 1914, ch. 824.

25. Any trees grown in the State Nurseries not required for roadside planting may be used for planting on the State Forest Reserve or may be furnished to any land owner of this State at not less than the cost of production; provided such trees shall be planted according to plans approved by the State Forester.¹

¹ Although the title and enacting clause of the act of 1914, ch. 824, state that there is a sec. 15K, no such section appears in the act.