

CHAPTER 852.

(Senate Bill 53)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 335, 338 and 339 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Outdoor Advertising", relating to billboards or signs and display advertising along the public highways.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 335, 338 and 339 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Outdoor Advertising", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

335. Every person, firm or corporation hereafter desiring to erect or maintain billboards or other similar structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind whatsoever, outside of the corporate limits of any city, town or village, and within five hundred (500) feet of a public highway of the State of Maryland, shall file with the State Roads Commission the following information, data and plats concerning and explaining the proposed location of any such billboards, or other similar structures, signs, posters or other display advertising:

(a) A statement signed by the applicant naming the county, election district, and the approximate distance from the nearest town, village or city where the billboards or other similar structures, signs, posters or other advertising displays are proposed to be placed and stating whether or not the proposed location is within a district over which the Legislature has granted to any board or body the power to create zoning areas and if said proposed location be within any such district, the name of such district.

(b) The dimensions and the area in square feet of advertising surface on each of said billboards or other similar structures, signs, posters or other display advertising, the height of such advertisement from the ground, the material used in its construction and the distance from the nearest public highway. The area of any such advertisement shall comprise the number of square feet contained within a line drawn around the outer edge of the advertising matter and pictorial design displayed.

(c) A plat which shall satisfy the State Roads Commission that it shows accurately:

(1) The proposed location of said billboard or other similar structure, sign, poster or display advertising with reference to the location of any State highway within a radius of five hundred (500) feet of such proposed advertisement.