

*policy of this State that billboards, signs, posters or display advertising, of any kind or nature whatsoever, will not be permitted within five hundred (500) feet of the State owned right of way adjacent to Controlled Access Arterial Highways and Expressways within the State of Maryland, except in the cases hereinafter provided.*

~~182~~ 182 231. No person, firm or corporation shall, after the effective date of this Act, lease, rent or permit the use of his, her or its property within ~~five hundred (500)~~ SIX HUNDRED (600) feet of the right of way line of any Controlled Access Arterial Highway or Expressway within the State for the purpose of erecting thereon any billboard, sign or advertising structure of any kind., EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED.

~~184~~ 183 232. Any lease which shall have been executed prior to the effective date of this Act, for the aforementioned purposes shall become null and void for the purpose for which the lease was made on June 1, 1961, and after said date the continuation of any advertising structure on the land so leased shall become unlawful, except nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent a property owner from erecting advertising signs on his own property advertising the sale or lease of said property or the sale of produce grown or made thereon or a service performed thereon or therein, provided the owner shall first obtain a permit therefor from the State Roads Commission. The State Roads Commission shall grant such permit upon application, without charge ~~therefore~~ THEREFOR, however, said Commission shall have the authority to regulate the location and size of the advertising sign or signs and said regulations shall be consistent with and in the interest of the safety and welfare of the traveling public. No permit shall be required to erect a sign denoting a place of religious worship or a historical monument or location, provided, however, such sign shall be located in accordance with rules and regulations of the State Roads Commission. The Commission is hereby authorized to make rules and regulations relating to the erection of said signs and furnish a copy thereof to any interested person upon request. Provided, further, nothing herein shall prevent the State Roads Commission from erecting such traffic and other signs along said highways as, in its judgment, are required for the safety or convenience of the persons using said highways., PROVIDED FURTHER, NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PREVENT THE OWNER OF LAND ABUTTING A HIGHWAY OTHER THAN AN EXPRESSWAY, WHICH RUNS PARALLEL OR PARTIALLY PARALLEL TO AN EXPRESSWAY AND WHICH IS WITHIN SIX HUNDRED (600) FEET OF AN EXPRESSWAY, FROM USING OR PERMITTING THE USE OF SAID LAND FOR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES PROVIDED ANY ADVERTISING SIGN ERECTED THEREON SHALL FACE THE HIGHWAY WHICH IS NOT CONSTRUCTED AS AN EXPRESSWAY.

~~185~~ 184 233. In cases where leases for a longer period than three (3) years have been entered into prior to the effective date of this Act, the State Roads Commission shall, through negotiation or condemnation, determine the amount so due the lessor and the lessee, if any be due the lessee, and upon the said determination the State Roads Commission shall pay the party or parties the amount determined