

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. *In Kent County AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES the County Board of Education shall be permitted to exhibit or display in any form or manner signs or other devices for the purpose of promulgating the safety of students, on or abutting any road or highway which passes near any school or school building; provided that such signs shall not be displayed further than a distance of 300 yards from any school or school building and provided further that any designation of the donor shall not comprise a space of more than two square feet on such sign.*

89. Any person, firm, corporation or association which 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, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punishable by fine of not more than \$10.00, which fine shall be payable to the State Board of Forestry for the purposes described in this section; provided, however, that it shall be illegal for any person, firm, corporation or association other than the State Roads Commission or incorporated cities or towns of this State, to display within three hundred (300) feet of a road, street or highway in this State a sign bearing the word or words; stop, curve, warning, slow, danger, listen, look, school or slow, or any other such word or words used or to be used in directing drivers, and any person, firm, corporation or other association violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for the first offense and a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or thirty days (30) in jail for the second and subsequent offenses. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person, firm, corporation or association, with the approval of the owner and the State Roads Commission from erecting a sign or signs to indicate the direction and distance to a specific place or places designated on said sign or signs. *In Kent County AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES the County Board of Education shall be permitted to exhibit or display in any form or manner signs or other devices for the purpose of promulgating the safety of students, on or abutting any road or highway which passes near any school or school building; provided that such signs shall not be displayed further than a distance of three hundred (300) yards from any school or school building and provided further that any designation of the donor shall not comprise a space of more than two (2) square feet on such sign.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.*

Vetoed by the Governor, April 17, 1957.

Passed over the Governor's Veto, February 5, 1958.

Effective date, June 1, 1958.