

177. *In order to protect the safety, health and welfare of the traveling public using the Northeastern Expressway it is hereby determined to be the policy of this State that billboards or any 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 said Northeastern Expressway.*

178. *No person, firm or corporation shall, after the effective date of this Act lease, rent or permit the use of any of his, her or its property within five hundred (500) feet of the right of way line of the Northeastern Expressway for the purpose of erecting thereon any billboard, sign or advertising media of any kind.*

179. *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 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 of the traveling public. No permit shall be required to erect a sign denoting a place of religious worship or an historical monument or location, provided, however, such sign shall be located in accordance with rules and regulations of the State Roads Commission.*

180. *The State Roads Commission is hereby charged with the administration and enforcement of this sub-title, and is hereby authorized, after fifteen (15) days' written notice given to the person, firm or corporation, owning or controlling the advertising media, billboard or other sign, poster or advertisement display erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this sub-title, to remove same. All signs removed by the State Roads Commission under the provisions of this Article shall become the property of and be reserved for the use of the State Roads Commission.*

181. *If any clause, section or provision of this sub-title shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, such determination shall not be held to affect any other clause, section or provision hereof.*

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

Approved April 15, 1957.

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## CHAPTER 752

(Senate Bill 617)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 52 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition),

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.