

(600)] 600 feet of the right of way of any expressway; or, who enters into a lease for a period longer than three [(3)] years after January 7, 1959, as to property more than [six hundred (600)] 600 feet and not in excess of [six hundred and sixty (660)] 660 feet from the right-of-way line of any expressway, shall be deemed to have entered into [same] THE LEASE with knowledge of this subtitle, and [shall not be] IS NOT entitled to additional compensation for any loss that might occur after June 1, 1961, or after June 1, 1962, as the case may be, the date the lease shall become null and void by operation of law. If on or after June 1, 1959, the [State Roads Commission shall determine] ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES that any billboard, sign, poster or other advertising structure located within [six hundred and sixty (660)] 660 feet of the right of way of any expressway is so located as to create or cause a traffic hazard or be detrimental to the welfare of the State, the [State Roads Commission shall have the authority to] ADMINISTRATION MAY order such billboard, sign, poster or other advertising structure removed or relocated. If [such] THE billboard, sign, poster or other advertising structure is so located pursuant to the provisions of a lease, the [said Commission is authorized to] ADMINISTRATION MAY acquire by negotiation or condemnation the interest in [said] THE lease, as aforesaid.

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The State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION is [hereby] charged with the administration and enforcement of this subtitle and [is hereby authorized,] MAY after [fifteen (15)] 15 days' written notice given to the person, firm or corporation, owning or controlling the advertising structure or advertisement display erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this subtitle [to] remove [same] THE STRUCTURE.

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The General Assembly finds and declares that outdoor advertising, except on-premise advertising, along and adjacent to the federal-aid primary system of highways is a form of commercial use of such highways. Such advertising should be regulated in order to prevent unreasonable distraction of operators of motor vehicles; to prevent confusion with regard to traffic lights, signs, controls, or signals, or otherwise interfere with the effectiveness of traffic regulations; to promote the prosperity, economic well-being, health, safety, morals, order, convenience, and general welfare of the State; promote the enjoyment of travel on and protection of the public investment in highways within the State; and to preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty or