

removal of the following outdoor advertising signs, displays and devices:

(1) Those lawfully in existence on the federal-aid primary system of highways on July 1, [1968.] 1975, AND THOSE WHICH WERE LAWFULLY ERECTED AND BECAME NONCONFORMING AFTER JULY 1, 1975.

(2) Those lawfully on any highway made a part of the federal-aid primary system on or after October 22, 1965.

[Such compensation is authorized to be paid] COMPENSATION MAY BE PAID only for the following:

(1) The taking from the owner of such sign, display or device of all right, title, leasehold and interest in such sign, display or device.

(2) The taking from the owner of the land on which the sign, display or device is located, of the right to erect and maintain such signs, displays or devices thereon.

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On or before January 1, 1969 and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in §§ 201 through 211 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the State [Roads Commission is hereby authorized to] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY promulgate and adopt rules and regulations governing the issuance of permits for the erection and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs, displays or devices along the federal-aid primary system of highways [shall it determine] IF IT DETERMINES THAT rules and regulations are necessary. [No] AN outdoor advertising sign, display or device may NOT be erected along or adjacent to such highways without a permit therefor first being obtained from the State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. [Such] THE rules and regulations shall govern such things as the location, size, lighting, and spacing requirements of such outdoor advertising signs before permits will be issued for [the erection thereof] THEIR ERECTION. The rules and regulations may also govern the method of erection and maintenance of [such] THESE advertising signs. The rules and regulations [hereby authorized] shall govern outdoor advertising permitted under subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of § 252 hereof. All [such] rules and regulations [must] SHALL be consistent with the safety and welfare of the traveling public as may be necessary to carry out the policy as herein declared.

Prior to the adoption of any [such] rules and