260.

The State [Roads Commission shall] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY not expend any funds to control outdoor advertising pursuant to the Highway Beautification Act of 1965, AND THE FEDERAL—AID HIGHWAY AMENDMENT OF 1974, until appropriate matching federal funds are available under such [act] ACTS.


SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 231A, 231B, 233A and 233B be and they are hereby added to Article 89B — State Roads, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 89B — State Roads

231A.

AFTER JULY 1, 1975, A PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION MAY NOT LEASE, RENT, USE, OR PERMIT THE USE OF HIS, HER, OR ITS PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING THEREON ANY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS OF ANY KIND ADJACENT TO ANY EXPRESSWAY, INCLUDING THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS, WHICH IS LOCATED BEYOND 660 FEET OF THE RIGHT—OF—WAY LINE OF ANY EXPRESSWAY WITHIN THE STATE INCLUDING THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS, AND LOCATED OUTSIDE OF URBAN AREAS, WHICH IS VISIBLE FROM THE TRAVELING WAY OF THE HIGHWAY, AND ERECTED WITH THE PURPOSE OF THEIR MESSAGE BEING READ FROM SUCH MAIN TRAVELED WAY EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED.

231B.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS 232 AND 233, THE TERM "OUTDOOR ADVERTISING" MEANS ANY OUTDOOR SIGN, DISPLAY, DEVICE, FIGURE, PAINTING, DRAWING, MESSAGE, PLACARD, POSTER, BILLBOARD, OR OTHER THING WHICH IS DESIGNED, INTENDED, OR USED TO ADVERTISE OR INFORM.

233A.

THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, GIFT, OR CONDEMNATION, AND PAY JUST COMPENSATION UPON ITS REMOVAL, ANY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN LOCATED BEYOND 660 FEET OF THE RIGHT—OF—WAY LINE OF ANY EXPRESSWAY WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS, AND LOCATED OUTSIDE OF URBAN AREAS, IF THE ADVERTISING SIGN WAS ERECTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1975. COMPENSATION MAY NOT BE PAID FOR ANY SIGN ERECTED SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1975 WHICH IS VISIBLE FROM THE MAIN TRAVELED WAY OF SUCH HIGHWAY, AND WHICH IS ERECTED WITH THE PURPOSE OF ITS MESSAGE BEING READ FROM SUCH MAIN