

(4) PROMOTE THE ENJOYMENT OF TRAVEL ON AND PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN HIGHWAYS IN THIS STATE; AND

(5) PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL SCENIC BEAUTY OR ESTHETIC FEATURES AND VALUES OF THESE HIGHWAYS AND THEIR ADJACENT AREAS.

(B) PURPOSE AND INTENT.

(1) IT IS A POLICY OF THIS STATE THAT:

(I) THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ALONG THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS IN THIS STATE SHOULD BE LIMITED AND REGULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER IT; AND

(II) ALL OUTDOOR ADVERTISING THAT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART AND THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(2) BY ENACTING THIS PART, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS TO PROVIDE A STATUTORY BASIS FOR THE REGULATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC POLICY FOR AREAS ADJACENT TO FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS, AS DECLARED BY THE CONGRESS IN THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT OF 1965 AND THE FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY AMENDMENT OF 1974.

(C) LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

THIS PART SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO CARRY OUT THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATED IN THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as the first paragraph of Art. 89B, §250 and Art. 89B, §261.

The only changes are in style.

8-727. SCOPE OF PART.

(A) SIGNS TO WHICH PART APPLIES.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THIS PART REGULATES THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN OUTDOOR SIGN ALONG OR NEAR A FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAY, ONLY IF:

(1) THE SIGN IS WHOLLY OR PARTLY VISIBLE FROM THE MAIN TRAVELED WAY OF THE HIGHWAY; AND

(2) THE SIGN IS:

(I) 660 FEET OR LESS FROM THE NEAREST EDGE OF