

certain local laws; and generally relating to signs at retail service stations.

BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation

Section 10-315(e) *and (f)*

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Business Regulation**

10-315.

~~(E) A SIGN REQUIRED AT A RETAIL SERVICE STATION BY THIS SECTION OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW IS EXEMPT FROM ANY LOCAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE THAT REGULATES THE NUMBER OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF SIGNS ALLOWED AT RETAIL SERVICE STATION LOCATIONS.~~

~~(E) A SIGN REQUIRED AT A RETAIL SERVICE STATION BY THIS SECTION OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW MAY NOT BE COUNTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING UNDER A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE, OR REGULATION AT RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS:~~

~~(1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNS PERMITTED; AND~~

~~(2) THE AREA OF SIGNS PERMITTED.~~

(E) A SIGN REQUIRED AT A SERVICE STATION BY THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE, OR REGULATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING:

(1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNS PERMITTED; AND

(2) THE AREA OF SIGNS PERMITTED.

(F) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, SIGNS REGULATED BY THIS SECTION OR OTHER STATE LAW OR BY FEDERAL LAW MAY BE REGULATED BY THE LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY AND SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE, OR REGULATION GOVERNING SIGNS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.