certain signs relating to the availability of certain services along certain State highways; requiring the SHA to consult with specified entities and officials on specified matters; requiring the SHA to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a specified date on the installation of service signs; and generally relating to the installation of service signs by the SHA along State controlled access highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, without with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 8-605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article Transportation

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

Article - Transportation

8-605.

- (a) Along any State highway, the Administration may place signs, signals, or markers to inform the traveling public of directions, distances, danger, or other information.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Administration shall assume the full cost of installing and maintaining traffic signals required at the intersection of a State highway with any municipal street or highway or at any other place along a State highway that is within the limits of any municipal corporation.
- (2) This subsection does not apply where the traffic signal primarily will serve traffic generated by a private development, such as an apartment complex, shopping center, industrial plant, or drive—in theater.
- (c) Signs, signals, and markers placed along any interstate highway shall conform to all applicable federal standards.
- (d) (1) For the purpose of providing information to the driving public on the availability of gas, food, lodging, or camping <u>OR ATTRACTIONS</u>, the Administration may place along State <u>CONTROLLED ACCESS</u> highways specific information—or business <u>SERVICE</u> signs, subject to the applicable federal standards.
- (2) (i) The Administration shall adopt rules and regulations governing specific information or business SERVICE signs.