

CHAPTER 130

(House Bill 13)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 231, 232 and 233 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1958 Supplement), title "State Roads", sub-title "Outdoor Advertising Along Expressways Generally", prohibiting certain billboards, signs or advertising structures within a distance within six hundred sixty (660) feet from the right-of-way line of any expressway within the State, making provision for the application and enforcement of this law relating generally to certain forms of outdoor advertising adjacent to expressways within this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 231, 232 and 233 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1958 Supplement), title "State Roads", sub-title "Outdoor Advertising Along Expressways Generally", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

231. Prohibited within six hundred *sixty* feet of expressway. No person, firm or corporation shall, after June 1, [1958] 1959, lease, rent or permit the use of his, her or its property within [six hundred (600)] *six hundred sixty (660)* feet of the right of way line of any expressway within the State for the purpose of erecting thereon any billboard, sign or advertising structure of any kind except as hereinafter provided.

232. Exceptions.

Any lease which shall have been executed prior to June 1, 1958, for the aforementioned purposes *and applying to property within six hundred (600) feet of the right of way line of any expressway,* shall become null and void for the purpose for which the lease was made on June 1, 1961 [.] ; *any lease which shall have been executed prior to June 1, 1959, for the aforementioned purposes and applying to property more than six hundred (600) feet and not in excess of six hundred and sixty (660) feet from the right of way line of any expressway, shall become null and void for the purpose for which the lease was made on June 1, 1962;* and after either said date the continuation of any advertising structure on the land so leased shall become unlawful, except nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent a property owner from erecting advertising signs on his own property advertising the sale or lease of said property or the sale of produce grown or made thereon or a service performed thereon or therein, provided the owner shall first obtain a permit therefor from the State Roads Commission. The State Roads Commission shall grant such permit upon application, without charge therefor, however, said Commission shall have the authority to regulate the location and the size of the advertising sign or signs and said regulations shall be consistent with and in

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.