

appropriate implementing legislation which would authorize the State Roads Commission to carry out the conditions set forth in such agreement.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the General Assembly to exercise control of outdoor advertising on the Federal-aid primary system of highways under Eminent Domain Procedure as provided in the Highway Beautification Act of 1965, AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ON-PREMISE ADVERTISING ALONG THE INTERSTATE AND EXPRESSWAY HIGHWAY SYSTEMS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~10~~ 11 new sections be and are hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Cumulative Supplement), title "State Roads," to be under the subtitle "Highway Beautification," to follow immediately after Section 249 of said Article and to read as follows:

250. *Declaration of Policy:*

*The General Assembly finds and declares that outdoor advertising, except on-premise advertising, along and adjacent to the Federal-aid primary system of highways is a form of commercial use of such highways. Such advertising should be regulated in order to prevent unreasonable distraction of operators of motor vehicles; to prevent confusion with regard to traffic lights, signs, controls, or signals, or otherwise interfere with the effectiveness of traffic regulations; to promote the prosperity, economic well-being, health, safety, morals, order, convenience, and general welfare of the State; promote the enjoyment of travel on and protection of the public investment in highways within the State; and to preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty or esthetic features and values of the highways and adjacent areas. The General Assembly declares it to be a policy of this State that the erection and maintenance of outdoor advertising should be limited to zoned and unzoned commercial and industrial areas within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the rights of way of the Federal-aid primary system of highways within the State and regulated in accordance with the terms of this Act and the regulations promulgated by the State Roads Commission pursuant thereto, and finds that all outdoor advertising which does not conform to the requirements of this Act and regulations adopted pursuant thereto is not in the public interest. It is the intention of the General Assembly, by this Act, to provide a statutory basis for regulation of outdoor advertising consistent with the public policy relating to areas adjacent to such highways as declared by Congress in the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. On-premise advertising is not regulated by this Act.*

ON-PREMISE ADVERTISING ON THE FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY SYSTEM IS NOT REGULATED BY THIS ACT. ON-PREMISE ADVERTISING ON THE INTERSTATE AND EXPRESSWAY HIGHWAY SYSTEMS SHALL BE REGULATED BY LOCAL ZONING LAWS OR ORDINANCES IF THERE BE LOCAL ZONING LAWS OR ORDINANCES RELATING TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING IN EFFECT, OTHERWISE BY THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION.