

SENATE BILL 941

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By: **Senator Dyson**
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Advertising Signs on State Highways for Agricultural Businesses Authorized

FOR the purpose of authorizing, subject to certain requirements, a person to place or maintain an advertising sign for certain agricultural businesses on a State highway; providing that certain provisions of law regulating the placement and maintenance of outdoor signs in certain locations do not apply to a sign placed in accordance with this Act; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to advertising signs for agricultural products on certain highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 4–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–605 and 8–714
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Land Use

4–102.

To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, a legislative body may regulate:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (1) the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures;
- (2) the percentage of a lot that may be occupied;
- (3) off-street parking;
- (4) the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces;
- (5) population density; and
- (6) the location and use of buildings, signs, structures, and land.

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, camping, or attractions, the Administration may place along State controlled access highways specific service signs, subject to the applicable federal standards.

(2) (i) The Administration shall adopt regulations governing specific service signs.

(ii) The regulations shall conform to all applicable federal standards, and shall govern the type, lighting, size, number, and location of specific service signs.

(iii) The Administration shall consult with:

1. The Maryland Travel Council prior to drafting regulations; and

2. The Department of Business and Economic Development and the appropriate local government officials concerning the placement of specific service signs under this subsection.

(3) The business or attraction identified in a specific service sign shall pay for the full administrative and operational cost of procurement, installation, and maintenance of the sign.

(e) Any person who removes, damages, or defaces any sign, signal, or marker placed under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.