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§8-730.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Administration may not issue a permit for any outdoor sign along or near any federal-aid primary highway, if the sign:

- (1) Imitates or resembles any official traffic sign, signal, or device;
- (2) Is erected or maintained on any tree or painted or drawn on any rock or other natural feature;
- (3) Is erected or maintained in a way that:
 - (i) Obscures or otherwise interferes with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, signal, or device; or
 - (ii) Obstructs or interferes with a driver's view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic;
- (4) Is located within 250 feet of any public park, public forest, playground, or cemetery that is adjacent to a federal-aid primary highway; or
- (5) Is along or near a scenic byway located on the federal-aid primary highway.

(b) (1) This subsection applies only in Calvert County and St. Mary's County.

(2) The Administration may, in conformance with federal law, issue a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a scenic byway located on a federal-aid primary highway if the sign:

- (i) Was erected on or before January 1, 2008; or
- (ii) Is a directional sign for a facility that:
 1. Sells principally local agricultural or aquacultural products;
 2. Is located within a 5-mile radius of the sign.

and

(3) A sign erected under this subsection shall be erected and maintained in a manner that is safe and does not detract from the scenic or cultural character of the scenic byway along which the sign is located.

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